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## CHIANG REFUSES REBELS' TERMS

### Chang Pleds for Union With Soviet Russia

#### MEANWHILE LOYAL TROOPS HAVE SURROUNDED SIANFU

Nanking, Dec. 15.

It is announced that Sianfu, where General Chang Hsueh-liang has established himself and a strong body of troops, and where he holds Marshal Chiang Kai-shek captive, has now been completely surrounded by Government forces.

Aeroplanes dropped leaflets over the city this morning calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives, which include Marshal Chiang's chief staff officers.

Meanwhile, Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Marshal Chiang, has returned from Sianfu. He denies the report that General Yan Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt in Chang Hsueh-liang's camp and described a dramatic interview with Chang and Marshal Chiang himself.

In this interview Chang entreated Marshal Chiang to accept his proposals, particularly that for an alliance with Russia against Japan. Marshal Chiang, however, declared this was impossible at present.

Shortly after the interview, Mr. Donald telegraphed Nanking saying intensive negotiations would be necessary to secure the release of Marshal Chiang. The rebels were evidently determined to exploit their possession of so valuable a hostage in order to force the Government into concessions.

The danger is, said Mr. Donald, that the initiative may pass from Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that general disruption of the country, which would follow the death of Marshal Chiang, would be more favourable than any other condition to the realisation of their aims.—*Reuter*.

#### Chiang Refuses Proposals

Tokyo, Dec. 16.  
The Japanese *Domei* correspondent in Shanghai quotes the *Central News Agency* despatches of December 16 announcing that Mr. W. H. Donald, foreign adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, had arrived at Loyang following a visit to Chang Hsueh-liang. He also saw Marshal Chiang, alive.

"There is no change in the condition of Chiang Kai-shek," said this authority.

Marshal Chiang refused various proposals urged upon him by Chang Hsueh-liang, asserting they must be submitted to the Kuomintang Congress.

This announcement contradicts all previous *Domei* reports.—*United Press*.

We presume that among the reports contradicted is that to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, together with other staff generals, at the hands of the rebels in Sianfu.—*Ed.*

#### Washington Shocked

Washington, Dec. 15.  
The State Department lacks confirmation of the *Domei News Agency* report of the execution of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, but the rumour has startled and shocked officials here, causing fears of protracted confusion in China and possible widespread repercussions in the Far East, upon which the United States would look with serious concern, although she would continue her policy of non-intervention.

Confirmation of Marshal Chiang's death would cause genuine regret, due to the fact that he is regarded as a strong leader fostering the unification and pacification of China.—*United Press*.

#### CONSIDER PORT FOR TELAVIV

London, Dec. 15.  
Asked whether the Government proposed to take steps to provide a harbour for Telaviv, in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, told the House of Commons to-day that the question was being considered by the Government. In consultation with the High Commissioner of Palestine. At present, he said, he was unable to make a statement.—*Reuter*.

## FREIGHTER ASHORE AT CASTLE PK.

### EXPECTED TO FLOAT AT HIGH TIDE DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS

The Norwegian steamer *Promise*, of 1,291 tons, is at present ashore at So Tun Pan, near Castle Peak, having grounded last night whilst on her way from Canton to Swatow with a cargo of coal.

The steamer, which is commanded by Captain Meling, is officered by Norwegians. She was built in 1920 for Messrs. H. M. Wangel and Co. and her port of registry is Hugesund. Her local agents are Messrs. Karsten Larssen and Co.

On enquiry this morning it was learned that the steamer has not suffered any serious damage, and that it is expected that she will be refloated at high water to-night.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong and Wharfedale Dock Company's tug *Henry Kewick* has left for the scene of the grounding.

## Gangster and "Moll" Fight Police Army

New York, Dec. 15.  
Thirty "G-men" and 150 police engaged in a gun battle with a gangster and his "moll" on the famous, and exclusive, Riverside Drive to-day.  
Over 100 shots were fired and eventually the gangster and his woman companion were wounded and finally arrested.—*Reuter Special*.

## GERMANY REQUIRES COLONIES

### BRITAIN WARNED OF WAR'S COST RIBBENTROP OUTSPOKEN

London, Dec. 15.

The solution of the Colonial question is in the interests of everyone in the long run, declared Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the new German Ambassador to London, strongly emphasising his argument when speaking at Grosvenor House to-night. It was his first speech to an English audience.

"Herr Hitler sees in the possession of colonies for the supply of raw materials, and in world trade, the two most essential means of raising the standard of life of Germans from the present subsistence level," he said.

Another Anglo-German conflict, another world war, would mean the inevitable victory of world revolution, and the rule of Bolshevism for generations, he added.

Herr von Ribbentrop regretted, he said, that the German Chancellor's "repeated offers" of disarmament, non-aggression pacts and other peace instruments had failed.

He was convinced, said this diplomat, that the world would be unable to return to order and peaceful development as long as the destructive Communist ideas were effective.—*Reuter*.

## Air Express Missing

### LAST SEEN FIGHTING AGAINST STORM

Salt Lake City, Dec. 15.  
A Western Air Express liner is ten hours overdue here, carrying four passengers and three of a crew on the run between Los Angeles and Chicago.

The machine was last seen in a storm above Millard, Utah, at 2.20 a.m. this morning.

Planes and trucks are checking the emergency landing fields over which the liner's course lay.—*United Press*.

#### NAVAL TALKS

London, Dec. 15.  
The Anglo-Turkish naval talks were continued to-day.—*British Wireless*.

## LOYAL REGT. TAKES OVER



During the ceremony of change-over of the British troops in Shanghai, men of the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Loyal Regiment fraternizing and lining up for refreshments; (lower left) Brigadier Telfer-Smollett and the Brigade Major, Captain Rennie, watching the men; (lower right) the colour party of the Loyals.

## DUKE MAY BUY ESTATE IN HUNGARY

Budapest, Dec. 15.

It is reported that the Duke of Windsor is negotiating for the acquisition of an estate at Lengyel, belonging to Count Zichy. The estate is over 4,000 acres in extent and beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Balaton, 80 miles from Budapest.

It includes a castle and provides splendid shooting and golf.—*Reuter Special*.

## RUBBER OUTPUT TO RISE

### RESTRICTIONS ARE MUCH REDUCED CONSUMPTION IS STRONG

London, Dec. 15.

The International Rubber Restriction Committee's announcement of a 75 per cent. quota for the first quarter of 1937 and an 80 per cent. quota for the following three months, has been accorded about the quietest reception ever experienced in the London rubber market, where prices subsequently eased slightly and then steadied up.

It is generally considered that what strength the market gained on the 75 per cent. January-March roundabout, it about lost on the 80 per cent. April-June swings. Consequently it is difficult to take up any particular view on the future course of the market, which is expected to remain steady for some little time.

Though the decision of the control committee releases about 39,000 tons in the first quarter and 55,000 in the second quarter more than at present, it is generally held that consumption is running so well, especially in the United States, that it is unlikely to be overtaken by production.

Nevertheless, the decision probably means the appearance of complications while spot commodity is so tightly held.—*Reuter*.

H.M.S. *Bruce* left harbour this morning on her way home for refit and re-commissioning.

## PREPARED TO GUARD STERLING

### BANK OF ENGLAND'S TACTICAL MOVE CITY CIRCLES CONFOUNDED

London, Dec. 15.

The City has been confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchases, suddenly executed, amounting to \$65,000,000, from the Equalisation Fund. And financial circles have been startled by the simultaneous reduction of the fiduciary note issue by \$60,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such pressure on sterling as may be experienced by the withdrawal of French funds and the possible resumption of the outflow of capital to Wall Street, could be counteracted by the Equalisation Fund's remaining vast gold holdings.

It is pointed out that a time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm is the most opportune for re-establishing the Fund's freedom of action, as after disposing of some of its gold holdings the Fund is better equipped to arrest the undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Questioned in this connection in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, simply stated it had been decided to increase temporarily the gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £25,000,000. Such a step, by itself, would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit base which was at present unjustified, he said. Therefore, the fiduciary issue had been reduced by £60,000,000.—*Reuter*.

#### BRITISH LOAN POLICY

London, Dec. 15.

His Majesty's Government has constantly in mind the desirability of securing removal of restrictions on foreign trade and of restrictions upon the movements of capital which, together with foreign trade, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons to-day. He added figures of the United Kingdom imports showed there were fewer restrictions on trade with this country than elsewhere.

Answering a supplementary question suggesting that terms of reference of foreign transactions, the Advisory Committee recently set up to give guidance on foreign lending should be made flexible, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the terms were very flexible. The embargo on lending to foreign countries did not apply where loans had a direct influence on increasing British Export Trade, he said.—*British Wireless*.

## Gardeners On Strike; Paris Goes Hungry

Paris, Dec. 15.

Market gardeners have struck, and though the shortage of supplies of vegetables is not yet acute, the volume of incoming produce to-day is only ten per cent. of the usual quantity—and, for that food, which stinks are garnished, Paris will go hungry.

The gardeners assert their strike is due to the fact that the cost of production is higher than the price paid by market dealers.—*Reuter Bulletin Service*.

## GERMANS SUPPORT MOORS

### IN FIERCE FIGHT IN SPAIN BUT LOYALIST LINES HOLD

London, Dec. 15.

A fierce battle, which lasted over five hours, is reported to-day from the Boadilla del Monte sector, southwest of Madrid.

As a result, over 200 dead, besides many wounded, were left in the Government lines.

The attack was one of three launched by the insurgents in the Boadilla sector.

Moroccan troops, with German contingents which recently arrived, carried out the attacks, supported by aircraft and a number of tanks.

It is claimed that the loyalists repulsed the attacks in every instance, inflicting heavy losses.—*Reuter*.

## Great Damage By Storms

London, Dec. 15.

The storm which has raged over southern England since Sunday has blown itself out.

Several villages are flooded, however, with a loss of livestock, and trains have been held up in many places due to the washing away of embankments and the collapse of tracks.

Rainfall was almost an inch in 24 hours over most parts of the country and in some places three inches were recorded.—*Reuter Special*.

## PREDICTS BETTER BUSINESS

### NOTED ECONOMIST STATES VIEWS BUT SAVANTS DON'T AGREE

Cleveland, Dec. 15.

Mr. Leonard Porter Ayres, political economist, predicts better business in 1937. He states that, despite world unrest and the threat of labour difficulties, "we are at present well along in the process of recovery, and the rest of the world is still further along."

Mr. Ayres predicts that the automotive industries will hold the leadership in 1937, and that there would be slight increases in wholesale and retail commodity prices, as well as in the cost of living. "It is unlikely that inflation will develop in this country in 1937," he added. "Inflation does not develop in depressions, and, despite all the recovery we have made, there is still a depression."—*United Press*.

#### CONTROLLED INFLATION

Professor Irving Fisher, political economist of Yale University, interviewed by *United Press*, stated, "The stage is now set for a boom and inflation" in the United States. He urged that the Federal Reserve Board be granted greater powers to control the situation, saying the law creating the Board should be altered to permit of the raising of reserve requirements to an unlimited extent.

Mr. Fisher said inflation is possible in the United States, but added that "the stage is set for the control of such tendencies." He said the Board could control a boom or inflation, firstly, by selling bonds or other assets, and by withdrawing money or credit from circulation; secondly, by raising the re-discount rate; thirdly, by raising the reserve requirements from member banks.—*United Press*.

## MEDIATION PROPOSALS ACCEPTED

### POWERS TO EXAMINE SUGGESTIONS

London, Dec. 15.

In a Parliamentary answer, the Foreign Secretary recalled the approach made by the British and French Governments to Germany, Italy, Portugal and Russia in favour of strict renunciation of foreign intervention in the Spanish Civil War and the joint offer of mediation and aid.—The replies of the four Governments have now been received. The Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics have given their support to the proposals, and the German Government, whilst doubtful of the successful outcome of the proposals for mediation, have expressed their readiness to examine any proposals which other Governments may formulate, and to participate in their eventual realisation. The reply of the Portuguese Government, whilst indicating the difficulties foreseen by that Government, states that if both parties in Spain desire mediation they will be glad to study the form it should take.—*British Wireless*.

## QUEEN IMPROVING IN HEALTH

London, Dec. 15.

It is officially stated that the influenza from which the Queen is suffering is taking its usual course. Her Majesty is making good progress towards recovery.

According to present arrangements the King and Queen and the young Princesses will go next week to Sandringham, where Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family will join them for Christmas. It is understood that, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham shall be kept up in the same way as during his father's reign.

The King will maintain the royal racing establishment and breeding stud of his father's time.—*British Wireless*.



# THAT WASP WAIST

Is It Coming  
Back  
Again?

by...  
MARY GRACE

It is curious how fashions in figures change. One year we are all up and down as straight as a ruler, then before that season's outfit is worn out, the fashion makers come along and suggest we look like pouter pigeons or Gibson Girls again.

Fortunately, these changes do not take place all at once, so that we have time to settle down and wonder if we should really like wasp waists again. Most dresses this year are definitely waisted, and although none of us will consider the discomfort of tight-lacing seriously, it is worth while considering how we can get that fashionable wasp waist look without suffering.

It's not difficult, this illusion of a small waist. Broaden the shoulders with sleeves, fit the bodice with a gentle curving line, raise the waist line an inch above its narrowest part at the back, princess fashion, gore the skirt out over the hips, and your waist will look inches smaller.

## Graceful Fashion

It is a graceful, comely line, especially for evening wear, and a suggestion of a waist without undue emphasis on a long, full-skirted dress, as you see in the picture, is an well suited to the woman over forty as it is to the young girl in her late 'teens.

Another forty years ago fashion we can welcome back is a liking for ribbons.

On stately dresses of velvet one sees necklines outlined with rosebud trimming made of ribbons, whilst strands of vari-coloured ribbons, plaited or twisted, make most alluring sashes.

## Gay Sashes

Sash ends I always think give a most graceful touch to a dance frock. They also give a note of gaiety which can be subdued or enhanced at very little personal expense.

For sobriety one can twist the dark colours together, whilst for more festive occasions a gold or scarlet note may be introduced. Ribbon is not expensive, and its decorative scope is wide. Flowers, loops, bows and plaits can all be ribbon-made.

Empire bodice, balloon sleeves and flowing skirt of this velvet frock emphasize the slim waistline.

The smaller sketches show the fashionable sash on a new velvet and tulle frock and a land evening outfit with nipped-in waist-line and bustle effect.



## Can you make a RISOTTO?

RICE pudding and ordinary boiled rice with curry usually exhaust the average cook's repertory with rice.

Returned Anglo-Indians are often asked with a pillow (or pillow: it depends upon your nationality how you spell it), but although we always welcome a risotto when we meet it at a restaurant, very few realise how easy it is to make one at home.

A light dish eminently suitable for a summer luncheon when the day is not too hot. It makes an admirable vegetable dish, too, when potatoes sometimes get a little dull, and it can be used quite by itself as an entree, or as an accompaniment to meat dishes, such as veal, lamb or mutton cutlets, sausages and so on.

It can also be made into a more substantial dish by the addition of mushrooms, ham, tongue and so on.

It must be remembered that the rice for a risotto must in every case first be fried, and it should not first be washed, or the frying will be difficult.

Onion also always accompanies a risotto, and as a general rule white stock is used for cooking it. The stock made from a carcass of a roast chicken is excellent; otherwise a few scraps of veal and veal bones can be bought quite cheaply from the butcher.



Ambrose  
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gives  
full  
directions

NOW here is a simple risotto. The ingredients are: Five, or six ounces of Carolina rice; two ounces of butter; a medium-sized onion finely chopped; a quart of white stock; three or four chopped mushrooms (which could be omitted) and about an ounce of grated cheese, Parmesan being the best.

Melt the butter in a frying-pan or saucepan, add the onion and let it fry until golden but not at all browned. Then add the rice and keep stirring with a wooden spoon for a couple of minutes, when the rice should have become a sort of dead milky-white, but not browned at all.

Now add a quart of the stock, boiling, let it come gently to the boil,

and as soon as it boils put on the lid of the pan (or cover the frying-pan with a plate) and put it into a slow oven, or at the entrance to a hotter one, so that the stock is kept just simmering.

Or you could leave the pan, still covered, on the top of the stove, making sure that there is only a gentle heat by putting an asbestos mat under it.

After seventeen minutes or so the rice should be done and the stock all absorbed. Now season with salt and pepper and add the grated cheese. Cook on very slowly, stirring all the time for two or three minutes, add the chopped mushrooms which you have tossed in a little butter and serve with more grated cheese handed.

VARIATIONS of this are as follows: Add to the onion when you are frying it a little raw chopped beef marrow and, add a glass of white wine to the stock before it is poured on to the fried rice. A little butter can be added at the last minute with the cheese, if liked.

Or, if you prefer, add half a wine-glassful of sherry or marsala after

## To-day's Menu

BISMARCK HERRINGS

FRIED STEAK with young vegetables

SUMMER PUDDING

YOU can either prepare Bismarck Herrings at home or buy them ready made.

Surround the fried steak when it is dished with different kinds of vegetables in little heaps: for example, baby carrots and turnips, tiny new potatoes, green peas, broad beans or cauliflower.

Make the Summer Pudding with stale cake instead of bread, if you can; it is so much nicer.

the rice has been fried, reduce this nearly to nothing and then add the stock.

A touch of grated nutmeg in the seasoning of all these risottos will improve them and the marrow is supposed to make the rice keep separate, apart from adding a subtle flavour.

A little saffron can also be added, so that the risotto assumes a beautiful yellow colour when it is dished up. And besides the mushrooms lightly fried pieces of chicken's liver are a common addition to this pleasant dish; tomato sauce or purée also.

THE unconventional will see in this dish an opportunity for adding many different garnishes: prawns, lobster and crab, for example, but this is more in the nature of a plait than a risotto.

But the principal things to remember are to see that the rice is cooked in stock (which is all absorbed by it in the cooking and so flavours it) that the rice is separate and not a soggy mass, and that the risotto is well and rather highly seasoned.

It is a good dish and often a novel one for one's friends who have long passed the rice pudding stage. Try it on one next time she calls. It doesn't take long to make and you can't go wrong!

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## SWEET AND SAVOURY SOUFFLES

EGGS are a necessity for the making of a souffle, and just at present they are both cheap and plentiful.

A hot souffle may be either sweet or savoury, and may be cooked by baking or by steaming. A souffle is a very light dish, and to make it successful, great care must be taken in the preparation, the cooking, and in the dishing and serving. The freshest of eggs should be used, and great care taken that the measurements are exact. The cooking should be very steady, whether in a steamer, or in the oven. Quick or fierce cooking will not be satisfactory. When turning out and dishing, be quick and deft in the handling, and use hot dishes and spoons for serving. The application of cold will cause the souffle to fall quickly, and, consequently toughen.

THE steamed souffle should be turned out, but the baked souffle should be sent to table in the dish in which it has been cooked. If this dish is of fireproof clay, or of tin, fold a hot table napkin round it. If of fireproof glass, stand in a suitable container, or on an entire dish.

Paper cases may also be used for the small individual cases if they are to be baked. To prepare a mould, always grease very well and, if to be turned out, place a piece of paper greased, and cut to the exact size, in the bottom. A piece of strong white paper should be folded round the outside, to raise about three inches above the top of the mould, and tied firmly with string. This provides for support when the souffle rises above the top of the mould. Also for steaming, a piece of paper, cut 1 inch larger all round, than the top of the mould, and well greased, should be prepared. This, placed on top when cooking, prevents the condensed steam from falling into the souffle. When steaming, the water should boil, steadily and evenly, all the time, the souffle cooking, and do not disturb it until it has been cooking at least half an hour. The rising should be quite steady. Quick cooking will make the souffle coarse and spongy. The time for cooking varies, of course, with the depth of the mould.

When a souffle is turned out or removed from the oven, waste no time in serving it. There is always a certain amount of collapse, which is unavoidable, owing to the contact with the cooler atmosphere, but the more steadily it is cooked, the less the shrinkage.

For a baked souffle, the preparation of the mould is the same as for steaming, except that the pieces of paper for the top or bottom are not necessary. The oven heat should be brisk, but not fierce, and the time for cooking varies, according to the size and depth of the mould, but the average time is about 30 to 40 minutes for a reasonable souffle. If these directions are followed, the souffle should not present difficulties too great for the sensible housekeeper, and there should be no necessity to regard the cooking of a souffle with the amount of awe and diffidence that are usually given to this dish.

**Vanilla Souffles**  
Ingredients: 10 eggs, 1½ butter, yolks of 2 eggs, whites of 4 eggs, 100 sugar, 1 cup milk, vanilla essence.  
Method: Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour, off the fire. Cook slightly, then allow to cool. Add the milk, stir until boiling, then add the sugar and vanilla. Beat in the yolks, gradually. When cooled slightly fold in the stiff-beaten whites of eggs. Pour into the greased souffle mould and cover with greased paper. Steam, according to instructions for 30 to 35 minutes. Turn on to a hot dish and serve immediately, with a suitable sauce.

**Custard Souffle**  
Ingredients: 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons sugar, 2 tablespoons flour, 1 cup milk, 4 eggs.  
Method: Scald the milk in a double saucepan, or jug. Mix flour and butter together, and add it gradually to the boiling milk, stirring all the time and cook well for 5 minutes. Beat sugar and yolks together. Pour on to them the milk and flour mixture, stirring constantly. Stand aside to cool, then fold in the stiff-beaten whites. Pour into a prepared souffle mould and bake about 15 minutes. Serve immediately it is taken from the oven.

**Fruit Souffle**  
Ingredients: Any kind of fruit may be used, either fresh, cooked, or preserved. If preserved or stewed, drain from the syrup before using.  
Method: Put 1 cupful of fruit pulp through a sieve. Sweeten to taste and make hot. Fold into it the stiff-beaten whites of three eggs and beat well. Pour into a greased fireproof glass pie dish. Stand in a dish half full of water. Bake in a moderate oven until set and slightly browned. Serve immediately, with a custard made from the yolks of eggs and milk, or a sauce made of the fruit juice or syrup.

**Prune Souffle**  
Ingredients: 18 to 20 large soft prunes, 6 tablespoons sugar, 2 eggs, 1 cup milk.  
Method: Soak prunes for 24 hours or if soft, do not soak. Cook in sufficient water to just cover them until tender. Drain away the liquor, stone the prunes, and beat or mash them to a pulp. Beat whites of eggs very stiff, add sugar and beat well, then add the prune pulp and beat in well. Pour into a fireproof glass pie dish and stand in a dish of water. Bake about 30 minutes, in a moderate oven. Serve immediately it is taken from the oven, with a custard made from the yolks of eggs.

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## There Should Be A Pun In This Photograph About Wanting To Get Into "Gripps"



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## Widows Lead the Way MORE CHANCES OF MARRIAGE

Widows between the age of 35 and 55 have more chance of marriage than spinsters of the same age, and a bigger proportion of widowers marry between the ages of 25 and 55 than bachelors.

These are among the facts revealed in the official commentary of the Registrar-General in his statistical review for 1934 published by the Stationery Office (3s. 6d.).

Other striking facts are: Fewer men under the age of 21 married in 1934 than for many years past.

The number of divorces—4,287—was higher than in any previous year, and the number of divorced persons who remarried—5,545—was also a record.

The birth-rate of 14.8 per 1,000 population is lower than that of any other countries except Austria and Sweden.

The average age of the population has increased from 20.9 years in the case of men in 1921 to 32.4 years in 1934 and for women from 31.2 to 34.2 years.

**SUMMER BABIES LUCKIER**—Summer-born babies have a greater chance of survival than those born in winter.

"There is," says the report, "a considerable disadvantage in survival at the end of the second year for children born in the winter months compared with those born at other seasons."

"Despite the fact that each group of children has, by the end of two years from birth, been twice exposed to a complete round of the seasons, out of each 1,000 children born in four winters an average of 80 died within two years, whereas out of each 1,000 born in summer only 75 died."

During the first year of life the mortality rate of winter-born babies is 14 per cent. in excess of summer-born, and in the second year it is 42 per cent.

**MOTHERS' DEATH-RATE**—The rate of mortality for mothers during 1930-32 was for all married women 4.13 per 1,000 live births. For those classes comprising wives of men in professions and allied occupations the rate was 4.44; for the wives of those defined as skilled and semi-skilled workers it was about the average; while for the wives of unskilled workers it was 3.60.

The standardised rate of combined mortality from angina pectoris and degenerative diseases of the heart and arteries has risen continually during the last 15 years.

It is thought to be caused by the attaining to ages of 50-55 of a population of men, not only inferior in average physique owing to elimination of the fittest during 1914-18, but one which was subjected during those years to abnormal stress.

**WALT DISNEY TAKING TWO YEARS TO MAKE HIS BIGGEST PICTURE**

Mr. Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse and the Silly Symphonies, has now been engaged for a year on the biggest picture of his career and it will take another year to complete.

It is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," his first feature film.

Mr. George Kamen, Mr. Disney's European representative, who has just returned to London from Hollywood, says:

"Mr. Disney has promised that 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' will be finished by September or October, 1937."

"I heard most of the music in Mr. Disney's office. A loud speaker was connected to the sound stage of the studio."

**COSTING £200,000**—A new camera which has been built into the studio produces effects in the way of lighting and depth that have never before been possible.

Each dwarf has his own particular and peculiar form. The film will run for 75 to 80 minutes.

"When it was originally decided to do the picture a budget of £50,000 was set. When I left it was set at £150,000, but Mr. Disney assured me that it would be impossible to finish the picture at less than £200,000."

"The picture should be the biggest revolution in film technique since talkies began."

"There will be close on 200,000 drawings. None of the characters is human—they are all cartoon."

"It is possible that Mr. Disney will come to London for the opening."

## Oliver Hardy To Pay Wife £200 A Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 8. OLIVER HARDY, "fat one" of film comedians Laurel and Hardy, was to-day ordered to pay his wife £200 a month alimony pending hearing of her suit against him for £50 a month maintenance.

Hardy pleaded that his wife was worth £20,000 in her own name; admitted he locked her out of their home last June.

When Mrs. Hardy filed her suit she said her husband was too fond of liquor, gambling, and other women, and treated her in real life as badly as he treated Laurel on the screen.

"I learned," said the chaplain, "that his mother and brother were in mental homes, and that his sister was at a training home for mental defectives. But I did not tell him, because it would have had a bad effect. I thought, on such a simple, childlike person."

"Then he heard from his sister, and he told me he wanted to go to his mother. The boy was very thrilled to learn that he had a mother, but when he returned I noticed a dreadful disillusionment in him. It must have been a terrible shock to find that his mother was in a mental hospital."

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**"Take Wife To Cinema" Orders Court**

A Brooklyn, New York, magistrate, Mr. Sabbatino, imposed a humorously practical sentence on a man whose wife complained that she was treated badly, and that her husband never took her out to places of amusement.

It was Mrs. Rubenstein who made the complaint, and the sentence on her husband, Samuel, was that he should take his wife to the cinema on December 2 and hold her hand throughout the performance.

If Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein were not reconciled by this the wife was ordered to go and see the magistrate again on Dec. 3.

This little domestic affair in Brooklyn has inspired a London reporter to tell the story as follows, with apologies to Stanley Holloway, broadcaster of Marriot Edgar's famous Lancashire dialect monologue concerning "old Sam."

The Rubensteins, dwelling in Brooklyn, lived a life that was nowt but a sham.

So the wife took her troubles to court-house, and complained of her husband, named Sam.

She pleaded a case of maltreatment, "Cos he never would treat her at all; Not to smokes, not to drinks, nor new dresses,

**SHIP COMES IN AS PRISONER'S GIFT TO JUDGE**

Herkimer, N.Y., Dec. 1. County Judge Frank H. Shall's ship came in via Attica prison.

An inmate, appreciating assignment to prison work, fitting his labours, made a model of a ship almost entirely of pieces of burned matches, glued together.

The ship was presented to the jurist. The design is that of a sailing vessel of three masts, with portholes for cannon, common in pre-Revolutionary days. A top the mainmast is a crow's nest for the lookout.

The sails are made of lining torn from old shoes. The portholes are made of shoe eyelets. Thread is used for the rope and rigging—United Press.

## Boy Who 'Got No Letters' Is Birched

Weymouth, Dec. 5. SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD

GEORGE ALEXANDER WESTERN, who "never got letters like other boys,"

wept at a court-martial in the naval depot ship Titania to-day.

A pitiable story was told of his discovery that the mother he had never known was in a mental hospital.

The youth has the rank of "Boy" in the battleship Nelson, flagship of the Home Fleet at Portland.

**Simple, Childlike**

The Nelson's chaplain, the Rev. D. Blunt, said he had come to the Navy from school, and when he joined had asked that inquiries should be made to see if his mother was alive.

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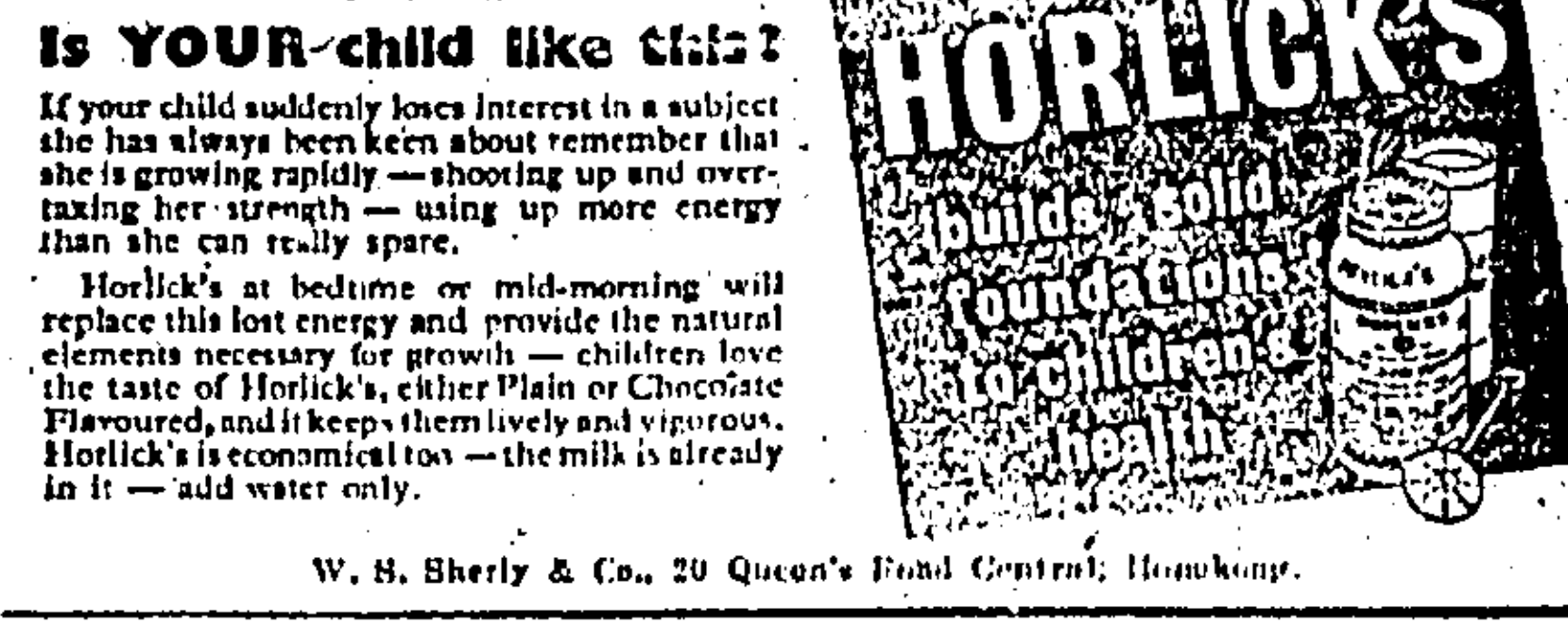
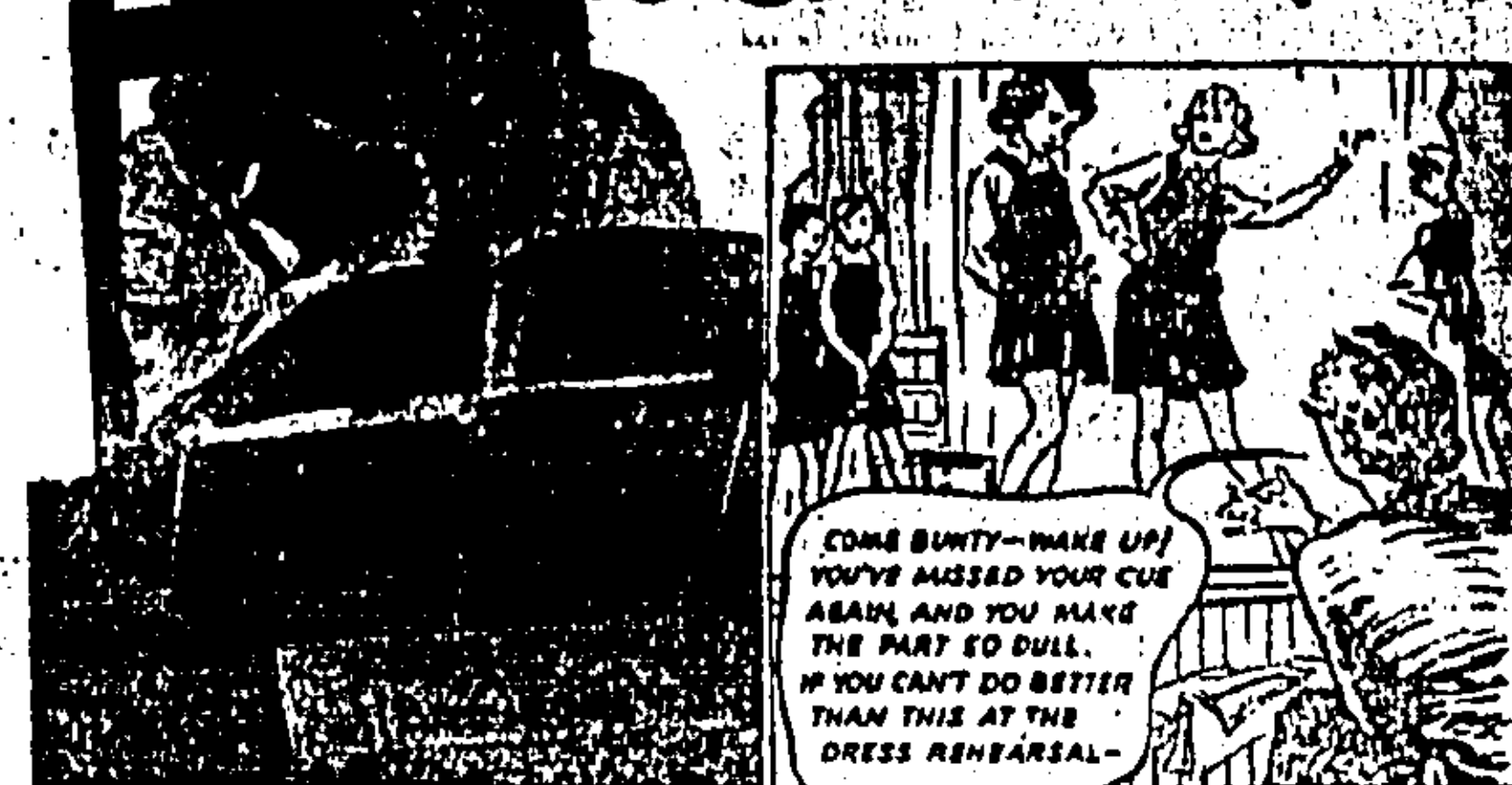
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Goods not cleared by the 23rd December, 1936, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1936.

U.S. COMMODITY  
PRICESLATEST CABLED  
QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton		
December	12.62/03	12.55/55
January	12.40/47	12.32/33
March	12.43/44	12.32/32
May	12.32/32	12.22/22
July	12.19/20	12.11/12
October	11.80/82	11.72/73
Spot	13.03	12.02
New York Rubber		
Dec.	19.10a	19.81n
March	19.20/21	19.91/03

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

## NOTICE.

A. D. H. HANDS, deceased; will all persons having claims against the estate of the late Mr. A. D. H. Hands, Imperial Airways, Ltd., submit same on or before 31st December, 1936, to:—

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## NOTICE.

I have pleasure in announcing that Messrs. M. I. Ling and Y. C. Leung have this day been granted jointly and severally my personal power of attorney and that of my firm.

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

May 1914/14 19.62b/84a

July 1917/07 19.77/77

Sept. 1905n 19.77/77

Total sales: 4,680 tons.

Chicago Wheat

Dec. 1935/135 133 1/2/133 1/2

May 1936/136 129 1/2/129 1/2

July 1937/137 117 1/2/117 1/2

Monday's sales: 60,508,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

Dec. 1903/103 107 1/2/107 1/2

May 1903/103 102 1/2/102 1/2

July 1903/103 97 1/2/97 1/2

Chicago Corn

May 1903/103 104 1/2/104 1/2

July 1903/103 104 1/2/104 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat

Dec. 1915/115 120 1/2/120 1/2

May 1916/116 121 1/2/121 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK  
EXCHANGE  
MARKET STRONGER  
YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 15.  
S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets.—The market today was firm and moderately active, featured by the demand for steel issues. Railroad stocks were quietly steady; price movements in utility and aviation securities were narrow; mail-order shares advanced, led by Sears Roebuck, due to the \$2.50 per share extra dividend declared by this company. Railway-equipment stocks firmed; farm shares were mixed. Many new high levels were reached, but some leading issues lost fractionally. Both the bonds market and stocks on the Curb Exchange were irregularly higher.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: The market continues to reflect good business news and we look for higher prices. Zinc prices to-day advanced by 10 points. Business failures during the past week totalled 154 as compared with 102 failures the previous week. Demand deposits in Federal Reserve Member Banks amounted to \$15,488,000,000, against \$15,404,000,000 the previous week.

Cotton: The possibility of the release of Government stocks and declining exports are working against the market, tending to increase profit-taking. "Spot" demand is easier. Inflation talk is again heard.

Wheat: The consensus of opinion is that, while the market is in a strong position, caution is advisable with regard to buying on sharp advances. It is expected that the Prime Minister will afterwards go to Chequers for a few days. He will leave London next Tuesday for a fortnight's Christmas holiday in Worcestershire.—British Wireless.

## REUTER QUOTATIONS

Dow Jones Averages Dec. 14, Dec. 15.

30 Industrials 191.37 181.07

20 Rails 54.82 55.00

20 Utilities 35.61 35.29

40 Bonds 105.00 105.91

11 Commodity Index 77.87 77.79

## RECENT BAZAAR

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, gifts by the following firms to the recent sale of work: Messrs. Loxley and Co., Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., Ltd., S. Watson and Co., Ltd., the Gloucester Hotel, Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Arts and Crafts, Ltd., Colonial Dispensary, Sincere Co., Ltd., Wing On Co., Ltd., Asia Co., China Emporium, also to Mesdames Alabaster, Crappell and Keen for assistance rendered, to all who generously contributed to the various stalls, and to the Press, European and Chinese, for appreciated publicity.

Christmas  
Advertising

Advertisers requiring additional space in the "South China Morning Post" and "The Hongkong Telegraph" during the month of December, are requested to make their reservations as early as possible. In the interests of advertisers, we hope to distribute advertising evenly throughout the month, and in order to assist us, co-operation is invited.

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Paris, Dec. 15.  
The French Government has sent a note to the United States intimating that France is unable to pay the instalment due on her War Debt, due at the beginning of 1937. However, the note says that negotiations might be resumed shortly regarding future payments.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## SPECIAL AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 15.  
M. Georges Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has unofficially accepted M. Leon Blum's invitation to act as a special Ambassador at Washington for six months, in order to negotiate for the resumption of War Debt payments. It is planned to begin discussions in this matter with the United States in January. M. Bonnet's acceptance followed soundings of Parliament, which disclosed that much former hostility to the renewal of payments had disappeared.—United Press.

## CHRISTMAS RECESS

London, Dec. 15.  
The House of Commons, which will adjourn on Friday for the Christmas recess, will meet again on January 19. The usual weekly meeting of the Cabinet will be held to-morrow. It is expected that the Prime Minister will afterwards go to Chequers for a few days. He will leave London next Tuesday for a fortnight's Christmas holiday in Worcestershire.—British Wireless.

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P.I. AFFAIRS  
DIVISIONBUREAU CREATED  
IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 15.  
Acting-Secretary of State Moore announced to-day the creation of a special division to handle Philippine affairs, headed by Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, veteran foreign service official with long experience in the Far East, particularly China.

Co-operating with the Division for Far Eastern Affairs, the new division will bring under one head all questions of American-Philippine relations arising as a result of the Independence Act, including commerce, economics and the foreign relations of the islands.

It is anticipated that Mr. Jacobs will work closely with the Resident Commissioner and the Bureau of Insular Affairs.—United Press.

T.V.A. EXPANSION  
STOPPED

Washington, Dec. 15.  
The Federal Court has enjoined the great Tennessee Valley power and irrigation enterprise against further expansion, pending adjudication of the suit which is to be tried March 8.—United Press.

## KING TO KEEP STABLE

London, Dec. 15.  
His Majesty the King will continue to maintain a racing establishment stud on the same lines as his father, and he will similarly keep up, as far as possible, Balmoral and Sandringham.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

## POST OFFICE.

## H.K. GOVERNMENT RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December 1936 to 6th January 1937, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

## RADIO OFFICE ANNEXE OPENED

The public is hereby notified that an annexe to the Radio Office is now open on the first floor of the General Post Office Building to deal with Radiotelegrams to or from ships and aircraft, steamer advices of vessels passing the lighthouses and Broadcast Receiving Licences.

The office will remain open day and night. Access to this office is obtained through the main entrance to the G.P.O. Building at the corner of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road. A night bell is provided to attract the attention of the constables on duty during the hours when the main entrance doors are closed.

Telegrams other than those mentioned above should be handed in to the main Radio Office on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building as heretofore.

## VIA SIBERIA ROUTE

Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai, Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 28th November) and Europe via Siberia (London date, 28th November)	Antenor	December 16.
Japan	Emp. of Asia	December 16.
Straits and Europe via Negapatam (Letters only) London, date 19th November	Malacca Maru	December 16.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Terukuni Maru	December 16.
Amoy	Kutsang	December 17.
Shanghai and Foochow	Sonhua	December 17.
Japan and Shanghai	Szechuen	December 17.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 25th November)	Suwa Maru	December 18.
Java and Manila	Asama Maru	December 19.
Australia and Manila	Tjikembang	December 19.
Straits, Manila and London Parcels (London 12th November)	Kitano Maru	December 20.
Japan	Menestheus	December 20.
Straits	Rio de Janeiro Maru	December 20.
Haliphong	Tokushima Maru	December 20.
Calcutta and Straits	Canton	December 21.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters) and Europe via Siberia (London, 10th Nov.)	Taima	December 22.
Japan	Tjinegara	December 23.
Straits	Ranpura	December 24.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	December 25.
Straits	Bangalore	December 25.
Japan and Shanghai	Cornorin	December 25.
Haliphong	G.G. Paul Doumer	December 25.
Shanghai	Scharnhorst	December 25.
Calcutta and Straits	Suisun	December 25.
Straits	Tasman	December 25.
Salgon	Taushima Maru	December 25.
Straits	Chenonceaux	December 26.
Salgon	Conte Verde	December 26.

## OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Holhow	Hal Lee	Wed., Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 28th December.	Antenor	Wed., Dec. 16.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 16, 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th January and London Parcels—due London, 19th January.	Antenor	Wed., Dec. 16.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 16, 1.30 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 16, 1.45 p.m.
Swallow	Selsian	Wed., Dec. 16, 3 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia Maru	Wed., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Terukuni Maru	Wed., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tainan	Wed., Dec. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs., Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m.
Air Mail for Canton and Districts	C.N.A.C. Plane	Thurs., Dec. 17.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 17, Noon.
	Letters:	Dec. 17, 12.30 p.m.
Friday		
Air Mail for Swallow, Amoy, Foo-chow and North China (via Shanghai)	C.N.A.C. Plane	Fri., Dec. 18.
	Sheungwan P.O.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Dec. 17, 5 p.m.
Letters for "Imperial Airways R.M.A. Dorado Direct Service"—due London, 28th December.	Antenor	Fri., Dec. 18.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 18, 5 a.m.
Letters for "Australia by Imperial Airways Service"—due Darwin, 22nd December.	Antenor	Fri., Dec. 18.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 18, 5.30 a.m.
Amoy and Japan	Kutsang	Fri., Dec. 18, 10.30 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haliphong	Klungchow	Fri., Dec. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe (via Marseilles, 17th January)	Suwa Maru	Wed., Dec. 18.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 18, 6 p.m.
Saturday		
Letters for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 31 December.	Antenor	Sat., Dec. 19.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 19, 9.30 a.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 19, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Santha	Sat., Dec. 19.
Parcels, ... Dec. 19, 9.30 a.m.	Letters:	Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Holhow	Sat., Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Szechuen	Sat., Dec. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Sunday		
Japan	Kitano Maru	Sun., Dec. 20, 8 a.m.
Swallow, Amoy and Formosa	Hongkong Maru	Sun., Dec. 20, 8 a.m.
Monday		
Swallow and Amoy	Anhui	Mon., Dec. 21, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Menestheus	Mon., Dec. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. and S. Africa	Rio de Janeiro Maru	Mon., Dec. 21, 2.30 p.m.
Letters for Guam, Honolulu and Tjladane	Antenor	Tues., Dec. 22.
U.S.A. by "Pan-American Airways Service"—due San Francisco, 29th December	Antenor	Tues., Dec. 22.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 22, 5.30 a.m.
Tuesday		
Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tjladane	Tues., Dec. 22, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swallow	Klungchow	Tues., Dec. 22, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only),—due Vancouver B.C., 9th January and *Europe via Siberia	Empress of Asia	Tues., Dec. 22.
	Parcels:	Dec. 22, 6.00 p.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 22, 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday		
Swallow, Amoy and Formosa	Fukuken Maru	Wed., Dec. 23, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Talyuan	Wed., Dec. 23, 3.30 p.m.
Thursday		
Shanghai	Conte Verde	Sat., Dec. 24, 9.30 a.m.
U.S.A., Central and South America Pleasantville and Europe via San Francisco (Due San Francisco, 24th Jan.)	Antenor	Sat., Dec. 24.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Dec. 24, 9 a.m.
	Letters:	Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.

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KING GEORGE V  
MEMORIAL FUND

## A FINAL APPEAL

Christmas is approaching with its numerous calls for generosity; and it seems desirable to close the King George V. Memorial Fund before it becomes one of too many claims on our charity. I therefore propose to close the subscription lists on Saturday, December 19th, and I ask every citizen of Victoria and Kowloon to put to himself the following questions:

(1) Have I fully appreciated the nature of the Memorial, which is that the thank-offerings of those who prospered under the late reign will be devoted to the recreation of poor people in crowded areas; so that Hongkong's monument to King George will not be a lifeless statue of him but a living and permanent realisation of his desire for the health and happiness of his poorest subjects?

(2) Are the ninety thousand dollars that have already been raised, the most that Hongkong can do?



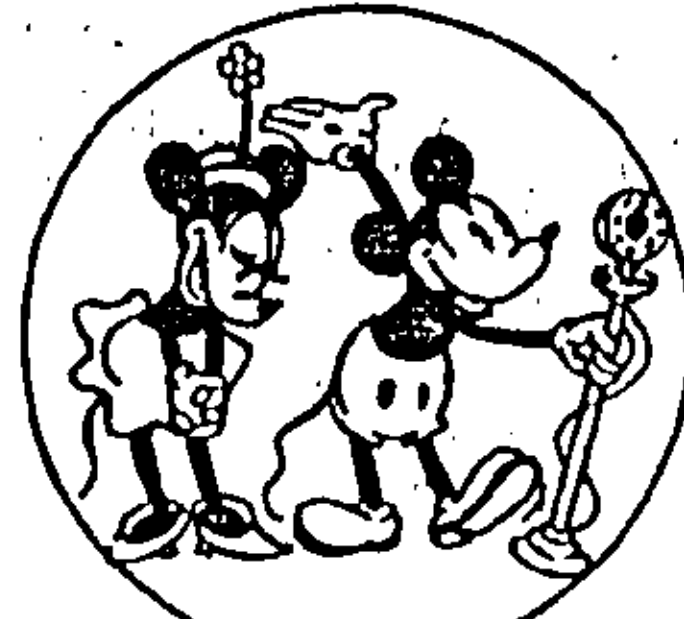


# Christmas Sale

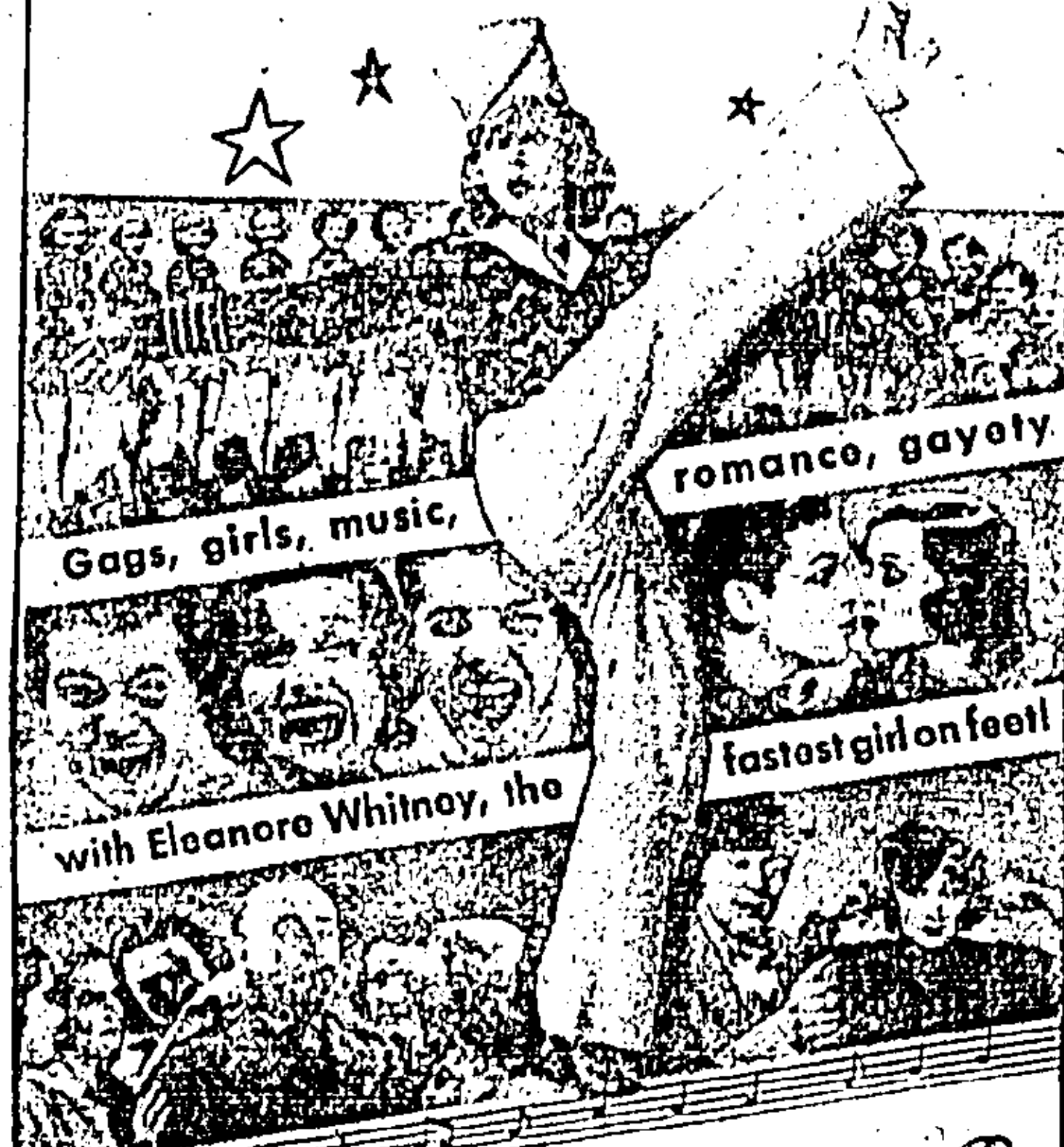
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### CINEMA NOTES

The imaginings of to-day become the inventions of to-morrow. "Fulton's Folly" developed into a palatial steamer and afterward into a de luxe ocean liner. Balloons, deemed insubstantial a little more than a century ago, have evolved into dirigibles, which fly across the Atlantic. Present day scientists have actually experimented with rockets in this year 1936, an attempt having been made to hitch gliders behind rockets in a mail carrying test. Experiments are continuing in this direction, and these words are being read. Nothing, however, has been tried in the way of reaching other planets, as Flash Gordon does in his journey to Mongo, a mythical planet ruled by Ming. Flash, hero of a thousand hair-breadth escapes in Alex Raymond's newspaper strip, has not only made his way in a rocket ship to the planet of Mongo, but to the imaginative realms of sf-dom as well. He and his companions will be seen in Universal's screen play "Flash Gordon", which is at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Hardly one of these words is being read. Flash Gordon is a kindred spirit of the leading figures in H. G. Wells' tales of adventure in strange spheres, such as "The Time Machine", "War of the Worlds", "First Men in the Moon" and "In the Days of 'Romeo and Juliet'".

In "Romeo and Juliet", showing to-day at the King's Theatre, the loom of the great Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, with its array of creative personalities, has brought forth a work of expression embellished with elements of novel, with mingled charm and thrill, that demonstrate again the motion picture as the dominant art—the best medium of narration, re-creation that has yet evolved. The perennial modernity of the love theme, and the curious capacity of the screen to make all that ever was in any yesterday a living event of to-day and now, has never been more acutely exemplified than in this "Romeo and Juliet". Care and thought devoted to the production through long months of preparation and after the shooting started are reflected in every department. The music score by Herbert Stothart is rich, sympathetic and effective. The dialogue, departing only slightly and altogether judiciously from the text of the play, retains in full measure the deft imagery of the playwright. Setting, costumes and photography plainly manifest the time and money expended upon them. Performances by the principals shoulder each other for mention. Norma Shearer's Juliet is warmly real and Leslie Howard's Romeo compares more than favourably with any of his justifiably famous previous portrayals. John Barrymore's Mercutio amply confirms advance reports of his excellence and Basil Rathbone's proud, ruthless Tybalt is a sound, dramatically powerful characterization. Ralph Forbes, C. Aubrey Smith, Violet Kemble Cooper, Edna May Oliver and Henry Kolker are others who distinguish themselves in the picture.

"Little Miss Marker"  
If you are one of those myriad millions who subscribe to the oft-quoted aphorism about good things coming in small packages, you should go to the Majestic Theatre, where Damon Runyon's "Little Miss Marker", is now showing. This particular good thing's name is Shirley Temple. Although she's barely five and weighs little more than forty pounds, we'll wager that you never direct straight forward and admirable acting as this divinely dimpled little charmer lends to her role in a whimsical and vastly entertaining chronicle of a little-known Broadway. Topping the cast are the suave and inimitable Adolphe Menjou; gorgeous Dorothy Dell, who made her motion picture debut in "Wharf Angel", and such seasoned performers as Charles Bickford, Lynne

### RADIO BROADCAST

Flute Solo—Fantaisie Carnéristique (Andersen)...Edith Penville; Vocal—When evening's twilight (Hatten)...Sweet and low (Tennyson—Barby)...The Salisbury Singers; Bands—Stendfast and true (Telke, arr. Bldgood)...Grand Massed Brass Bands; Bands—Minstrel Memories (arr. Rimmer); A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Black-Kenzie)...Grand Massed Brass Bands; Vocal—Annie Laurie (Trud; arr. Batten)...Heddie Nash and Male Quartette; Band—Blaze away—March (Holzmann)...Columbin Germain Band.

8.30 p.m. Trolise and His Mandolins, with Don Carlos.  
9 p.m. News and Announcements.  
9.20 p.m. From the Studio.  
"Music Light and Gay."  
Mary Gray (mezzo-soprano), Olga Morgan (Piano), Prue Lewis (Violin) and Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor).  
10 p.m. Big Ben.  
10 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.  
Reminiscences of Grieg (arr. Ur-bach); Suite Orientale (Grieg); Falt-hut Jumping Jack (Heykens); Stand-chen (Heykens); Columbine's rendezvous (Heykens); Song of Paradise (Kling).  
10.30 p.m. Dance Music.  
11 p.m. Close Down.

### DAVENTRY PROGRAMMES

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Wave-length	Frequency
4,500 k.c.	66.67 metres
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5,100 k.c.	58.82 metres
5,200 k.c.	57.69 metres
5,300 k.c.	56.60 metres
5,400 k.c.	55.56 metres
5,500 k.c.	54.55 metres
5,600 k.c.	53.57 metres
5,700 k.c.	52.63 metres
5,800 k.c.	51.72 metres
5,900 k.c.	50.85 metres
6,000 k.c.	50.00 metres

Transmission 1  
(G.S.B., G.S.O.)  
1 p.m. The "Empire Magazine".  
1.15 p.m. "Foreign Affairs".  
1.45 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
2.15 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 2.15 p.m.  
Transmission 2  
(G.S.B., G.S.O.)  
7 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
7.15 p.m. "Foreign Affairs".  
7.45 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
8.15 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 8.15 p.m.  
Transmission 3  
(G.S.B., G.S.O.)  
10 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
10.15 p.m. "Foreign Affairs".  
10.45 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
11.15 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 11.15 p.m.  
Transmission 4  
(G.S.B., G.S.O.)  
11.30 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
11.45 p.m. "Foreign Affairs".  
12.15 p.m. The H.M.C. Empire Orchestra.  
12.45 p.m. The News and Announcements.  
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 p.m.

Overman, Sam Hardy, Frank McGlynn, Sr., and Crawford Kent Alexander Hall, who has directed consistently fine productions since his entry into that field a year ago, has outstripped even his best efforts with this one. It was produced by D. P. Schulberg for Paramount, and the screen play and dialogue are credited to William R. Lipman, Sam Hellman and Gladys Lehman.

"Back to Nature"  
North, South, East and West, the happy, scrappy Jones Family travel the trail to adventure and romance in "Back to Nature", new Twentieth Century-Fox hit, which is showing to-day at the Alhambra Theatre. Featuring Joe Prouty, Shirley Deane, Dixie Dunbar, Tony Martin, Spring Byington, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts and Billy Mahan, "Back to Nature" is the riotous story of the Joneses on a vacation—a vacation more thrilling, more exciting, and more riotous than your own. James Tinling directed the film, with Max Golden associate producer, Robert Ellis and Helen Logan wrote the screen play, an original story based on the characters created by Katherine Kavanaugh.

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#### "THERE ISN'T TIME."

(Continued from Page 6.)  
Twenty minutes here. You do the inside and I'll do the outside." And in this modern time-saving manner they "did" a building in which an old-fashioned tourist would have spent half the day.

Those Americans, who had reduced time-saving to such a fine art, were typical of their generation. By not wasting a minute anywhere they were probably able to see our country in two weeks, all Europe in two months, and the whole world in less than a year. And by the end of that time they would know less about the world than they could have learnt by sitting quietly at home and reading Stevenson and a few other writers for whom the present generation has "no time."

#### The Miser's Hoard

Seeing a show-place in twenty minutes, reading a headline instead of an article and an article instead of a book, using a train instead of a coach, a car instead of a train, and an aeroplane instead of a car—there are the means by which we add to the amount of time at our disposal. And most of the time saved is promptly lost again.

The old misers used to live in squalor in order that they might save every possible penny. But as they never spent their money it was of no use to them and they might as well not have saved it. We live at break-neck speed in order that we may save every possible minute. And we never stop to think that if we do not make wise use of the time thus saved it is no more use to us than gold was to the misers.

What is the good of reducing the time taken over a journey unless we can make some profitable use of the time we save? And where is the sense of saying, "There isn't time for it in these days?" If there isn't time for a thing in these days, when was there ever time for it?

Robert Manning

## KING'S

COMMENCING TO-MORROW

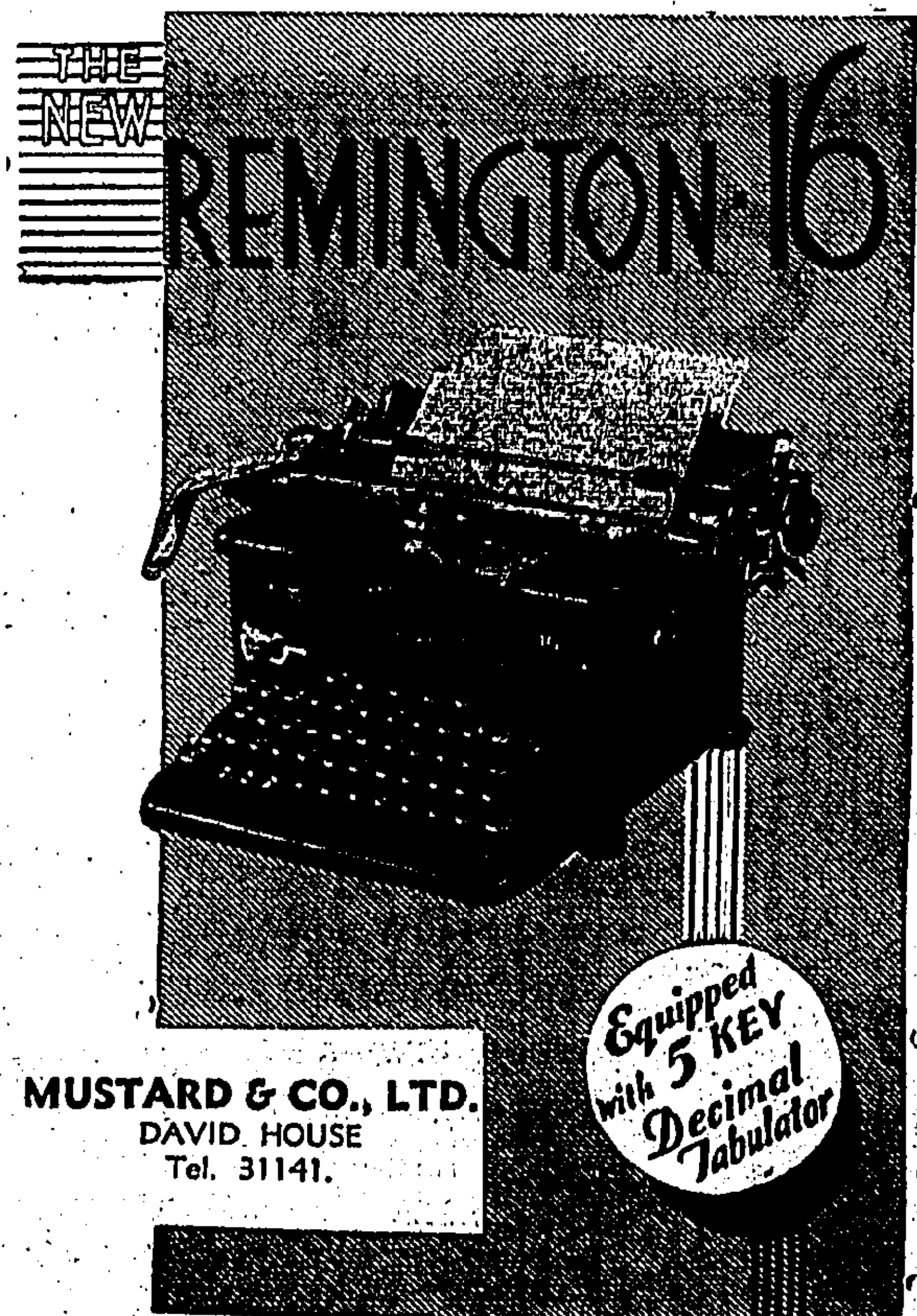


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## DEATH.

GARCIA.—At the French Convent  
Hospital, at 2.15 a.m. on Decem-  
ber 16, 1936, Consuelo Margarida  
Garcia, aged 28 years. Funeral  
will pass the Monument at 5.15  
p.m. to-day.

The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1936

COLONY'S POVERTY  
PROBLEM

The magnitude of the task  
confronting charitable organisa-  
tions in helping to relieve the  
lot of the poor and needy is  
strikingly illustrated in the  
annual report of the Society for  
the Protection of Children, the  
main features of which we pub-  
lished yesterday. The record  
for the past year shows that the  
Society dealt with far more  
cases than ever before in its his-  
tory.

Indicative of the value  
placed upon its work is the fact  
that during the year there were  
over 30,000 calls made at the  
Society's branches, whilst more  
than 3,000 visits to the homes  
of the poor were made by in-  
spectors. It is impossible, by  
mere figures, to give any real  
impression of the deadweight of  
poverty which the Society's  
workers encounter, but some  
idea of how the poor subsist can  
be gathered from the fact that  
the average income per head per  
month of cases dealt with last  
year was \$1.73. This figure,  
would be even more startling  
still if the record were confined  
to those actually assisted, as  
there are numbers of cases in  
which relatively well-to-do  
mothers call at the branches for  
advice. Actually, there were  
over 300 cases in which the  
families had no income at all.  
It is impossible within the con-  
fines of a brief article to touch  
on many aspects of the Society's  
work, which have a counterpart  
in that of other similar bodies.  
But there are two facts which  
deserve emphasis. The first is  
that there is no home for cri-  
ppled children in Hongkong, and  
none for blind boys. Even for  
the treatment of children's com-  
plaints generally, the normal  
hospital accommodation in the  
Colony is totally inadequate.  
In such circumstances, there is  
no resisting the conclusion  
drawn that many children are  
compelled to place their only  
hope of survival in begging,  
either independently or for those  
who exploit them. The situa-  
tion is one which cannot be  
viewed with complacency. A  
new difficulty is now being en-  
countered by the decision to  
restrict hawkers' licences, hith-  
erto a medium through which  
charitable bodies could find work  
for the deserving. The inevi-  
table result is to increase the  
calls on these organisations. It  
is to be admitted that the estab-  
lishment of a system of poor  
law relief would be a tremen-  
dous undertaking, but, in view of  
the resolve to reduce hawking  
to the eventual point of elimina-  
tion, the authorities might well

● His Excellency the Governor has  
suggested that the clock should be  
advanced half-an-hour in Hongkong,  
as a "daylight saving" measure. A  
contributor presents, in this article,  
some of the difficulties which would  
be encountered.

"TIME" is the "measurable aspect of duration" and to  
primitive peoples was most effectively demon-  
strated by the rising and setting of the sun, and the phases of  
the moon; to this day Calendars on the basis of the lunar  
month are in use among the nations of the world.

The day is, however, the fundamental unit in all  
systems of timekeeping and is the period during which  
the earth rotates once upon its axis. The "Julian" date,  
which is used in some astronomical calculations, is  
expressed in this unit exclusively and is the number of  
days from 4713 B.C., January 1st.

HAVING postulated the im-  
portance of the day as the  
unit of time-keeping, considera-  
tion must be given to the  
manner in which it is employed  
throughout the world. A revolu-  
tion of the earth upon its axis  
is marked by successive periods  
of light and darkness in any  
particular place, and if the sur-  
face of the earth as a whole is  
considered, it follows that  
simultaneously one half is in  
darkness and the other is in  
illumination.

The majority of mankind toils  
during the bright hours and  
sleeps during the hours of dark-  
ness, and in consequence it has  
become customary to regulate  
waking actions by the sun or  
in what is known as local time.

Although local time neces-  
sarily varies to the extent of 24  
hours in a journey round the  
world, no exception can be taken  
to its use by an isolated com-  
munity, but with the establish-  
ment of communications over  
large distances, by ships, rail-  
way trains and aircraft, uni-  
formity of time over consid-  
erable areas is essential to smooth  
working of transport and the  
facilitation of commerce.

In the various almanacs will  
be found the means by which  
this has been accomplished, i.e.,  
by dividing the circumference  
of the earth into 24 equal parts  
and employing the same time  
throughout the zone thus de-  
marcated. Each zone is a de-  
finite number of hours in  
advance of, or behind Greenwich  
time.

The extent of a zone is such  
that places on the eastern edge  
lost half an afternoon daylight  
and gain half an hour in the  
morning. At the western ex-  
tremity the opposite conditions  
prevail, and only in the centre  
of the zone does standard time  
correspond with the local mean  
time.

HONGKONG is situated near  
the western extremity of  
the zone in which the time of  
the 120th meridian is adopted,  
and in consequence has per-  
manently advanced the clock by  
approximately 23 minutes.

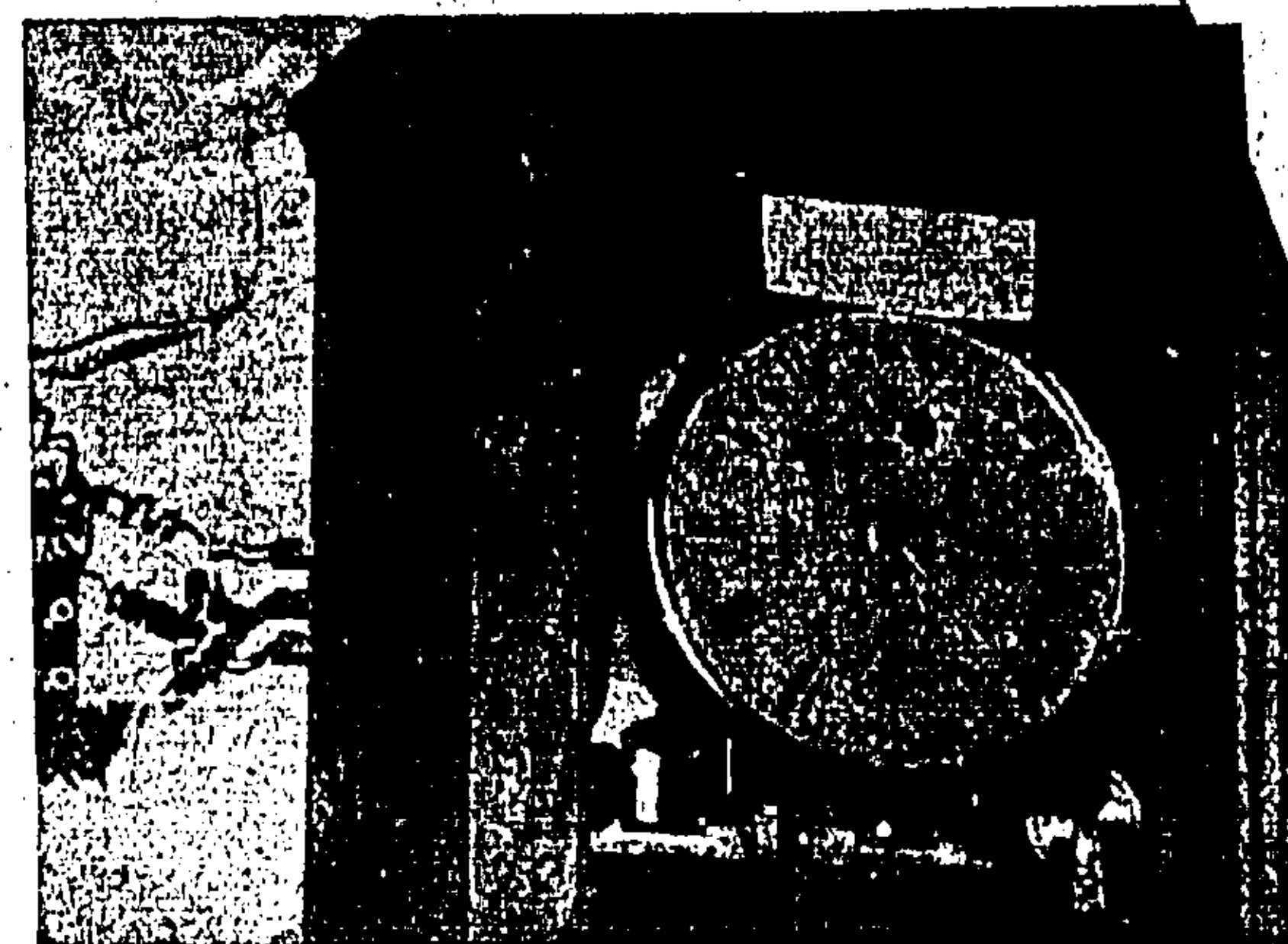
The time used is actually 8  
hours in advance of Greenwich  
Mean Time and it must here be  
noted that Greenwich Mean  
Time is standard time of refer-  
ence for the world, is extensive-  
ly quoted in a multitude of  
official notices, and is so much  
in evidence nowadays that it is  
a great convenience to remem-  
ber that the time in a district  
differs from Greenwich Mean  
Time by a definite number of  
hours.

The proposal now before the  
Hongkong community is that  
the clock should be permanently  
advanced half an hour in order  
that additional daylight should  
be available for sport.

The term "daylight saving"  
is a misnomer, as any system  
of time-keeping which gives  
extra in the evening curtails  
the daylight of the morning.

It is impossible to "save"  
daylight. It is true that it can

consider the possibility of in-  
stituting a modified form of that  
system, with a panel of repre-  
sentatives of charitable bodies  
assisting in an advisory capa-  
city, something along the lines  
of the duties formerly dis-  
charged by Boards of Guardians  
at Home. The Government has  
its responsibilities in this mat-  
ter of social service, and these  
are not fully discharged by the  
method of making grants to so-  
cieties. The whole issue is one  
which deserves investigation by  
a commission appointed for the  
purpose.



This Mean Time Clock at the Royal Observatory keeps  
correct time for the Colony of Hongkong.

Are we too  
primitive for  
daylight saving?

be more extensively utilised, but  
there is only one way to ac-  
complish it and that is by com-  
mencing work or play earlier.

To return to the case of the  
isolated community: there is no  
reason why such a community  
should not be a law unto itself  
in matters of time-keeping, but  
a community having commercial  
relations with its neighbours  
would be wise to synchronise  
its working hours with them.  
If it does not, either by means  
of altering the clock face or by  
utilising different working  
hours, some commercial dis-  
location is inevitable. The  
Colony is struggling to emerge  
from a depression, and those to  
whom the struggle is of greatest  
moment will probably be loth to  
see the community placed at the  
smallest disadvantage with its  
neighbours.

THE avowed object of the pro-  
posed change is sport—a  
term which comprises amuse-  
ment, pastimes, games, etc., but  
in the consideration of this  
question, it may be taken to  
denote those games necessitat-  
ing daylight for their successful  
prosecution, examples of which  
are bowls, cricket, football, golf,  
hockey and lawn tennis. Bowls  
is usually indulged in during  
the summer months when more  
time is available. It is im-  
possible to play a cricket match  
after 5 p.m., hockey and foot-  
ball matches require an hour  
and ten minutes to an hour and  
a half and nine holes of golf  
need one hour at least. A set of  
lawn tennis will occupy a period

varying with a number of cir-  
cumstances.

The majority of strenuous  
games are played between Octo-  
ber 1 and March 31, during  
which period the time of sunset  
varies from 5.38 p.m. to 6.17  
p.m.

This gives the conscientious  
worker an average of 58 minutes  
during the winter and an addi-  
tion of 30 minutes would still  
be inadequate when the time  
taken up in travel from office to  
playing field and the usual  
changing of attire is taken into  
consideration. It would there-  
fore appear that half an hour  
is insufficient for the purpose,  
and the discussion of any period  
less than one hour is rather  
trifling with the question.

Before leaving the subject of  
sport, special reference must be  
made to the playing of golf at  
Fanling. It is quite impossible  
to play there on week-days  
without encroaching upon work-  
ing hours, while upon Sunday,  
the time available for play rests  
upon the player himself. The  
first train leaves Kowloon before  
7 a.m. and there is nothing to  
deter ardent players from  
utilising it; in fact older mem-  
bers of the Golf Club must have  
pleasant recollections of days  
spent at Fanling in congenial  
company under these conditions.  
Week-end golf at Fanling de-  
pends upon transport, and no  
amount of meddling with clocks  
will alter the fact that the  
courses are available between  
dawn and dusk to any who  
have convenient means of  
utilising them.

If every avail-  
able field and  
tennis court is  
fully occupied  
with players for  
a sufficient time  
each evening,  
what proportion  
of the popula-  
tion would be  
thus represent-  
ed? Would it  
be as large as  
that which  
would be com-  
pelled to arise in  
the darkness of  
the now early  
morning to ad-  
minister to the  
whole population?

THE proposal has been  
analysed in as general terms  
as possible, and the suggestions  
which emerge are that an  
alteration of clocks or office  
hours would not conduce to the  
better conduct of business and  
that the comfort of the many  
might be a secondary considera-  
tion to the recreation of the  
few. Primitive man instinctively  
works by the sun, and it is  
incontestable that a large num-  
ber of this Colony's inhabitants  
remain primitive in essentials.

Leaving all such considera-  
tions aside, everyone would wel-  
come more daylight in winter  
evenings. It is for the com-  
munity to decide to what extent  
the consequent disadvantages  
are to be tolerated. It is not  
proposed to discuss those dis-  
advantages in detail; they are  
many, but are not all of general  
application. It may, however,  
be advisable to consider an  
extremely unlikely possibility  
and compare it with the pro-  
posal now before the public.  
Suppose London decided to use  
a time different from the rest  
of the United Kingdom.

The aspirations of the Colony  
to importance as an airport  
should promote many "second  
thoughts" before Hongkong  
plunges into a parallel experi-  
ment. Surely "daylight saving"  
should be reserved for countries  
(even small ones) and not in-  
dulged in by solitary towns.

## "THERE ISN'T TIME...!"

THERE isn't time for it in these  
days." Have you ever realised  
the absurdity of those oft-repeated  
words? I did not realise it until I  
heard them spoken in an aeroplane  
travelling at 200 miles an hour.  
The speaker on that occasion was  
a business man who makes great use  
of aeroplanes. He had been telling  
me exactly how many hours a week  
he saved through travelling by air,  
and from that he went on to discuss  
the progress made in methods of  
travel during the last hundred years.  
When he said something about the  
old stage-coaches I happened to  
mention Charles Dickens.

"Dickens," said my time-saving  
companion, "I haven't read any of  
his stuff since I left school. It's too  
long-winded; there isn't time for it  
in these days."

He did not notice that he was  
uttering an absurdity. After boast-  
ing that he was saving three hours  
on a two-hundred mile journey he  
had confessed that he had no time  
to read books for which his grand-  
father had plenty of time. He  
saw nothing strange in the fact that  
with every modern means of travel  
at his disposal, he still had less  
leisure than the slow-moving Vic-  
torians.

The Price We  
Pay For Speed

To save time we have all forgotten  
how to spend it.  
We fly, we drive fast cars, we  
telephone and cable, we broadcast,  
we have newspapers printed in such  
a way that the news can be gleaned  
from the headlines in a few moments,  
we have quick-lunch counters, we  
listen-in to operas and plays and  
sporting events instead of going to  
see them, we read "Outlines" which  
condense the knowledge of the ages  
into a few chapters, we have a  
hundred thousand devices all un-  
known a century ago and all devoted  
to the same purpose—the purpose  
of saving time. And the more time  
we save the less time we have in  
which to do anything worth while.  
Few of us have time to read any-  
thing but the lightest and shortest  
of novels; anything else is, as my  
time-saving friend said of Dickens,  
too long-winded. We have no time  
to read the newspapers; we just skim  
through the headlines and the one  
or two columns that attract our  
attention.

We have no time to master the  
piano or the violin; we have to get  
our music ready-made from the  
wireless set or the gramophone. And  
in this way we get so much music  
that we cannot understand any of it.

## Ready-Made

The Victorian drawingroom pianist  
may have played badly on occa-  
sions, but she at least knew what she  
was playing. The modern possessor  
of a radiogram, hearing the pick of  
the world's music every day of his  
life, has "no time" to study it or try  
to understand it.  
We have "no time" to study any-  
thing for ourselves. We get our  
opinions from the leading article  
in our daily paper, and since we  
have "no time" to read a long  
reasoned article, this leader generally  
consists of a few dogmatic sentences  
which we can read quickly, memorise  
easily, and repeat thoughtlessly.  
We have to do everything in a  
hurry, work in a hurry, and amuse  
ourselves in a hurry. And the hur-  
ried eating destroys our digestions,  
the hurried work wears us out with-  
out giving us any compensating ben-  
efits, and the hurriedly taken amuse-  
ments bore us so much that we are  
always rushing on to others even  
more hurried and more boring still.  
In short, we are so obsessed with  
the idea of Speed that we spend all  
our time rushing about without  
knowing in the least where we are  
rushing to or why we are rushing to  
it.

I once heard of two Americans  
who were "seeing Britain." Arriving  
at a famous old abbey one of them  
looked at his watch and said to his  
companion, "We can only spare  
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# Fokker's "Battle Cruiser"

Changes All The Old Ideas About Air Fighting

## THE FLYING EGG BOMBER, FIGHTER, INTERCEPTOR

By VICTOR BURNETT.

IN 1915 a young Dutchman changed the world's ideas of war in the air.

He invented a device that enabled a machine-gun to fire through the propeller.

The day he invented it real air warfare began. Round his device small, manoeuvrable, high-speed single-seaters were built. The young Dutchman's name was Anthony Fokker. The new idea he brought stood unchanged through the years. Fighters were faster, more efficient, more expensive—but in principle they were the same.

Last week the entire aviation world saw that its ideas had to be changed. Anthony Fokker's latest warplane was responsible. For the second time the Dutchman had changed military ideas.

The machine is called the Scythe. And it is the most deadly instrument that ever flew.

### HIDDEN BOMBS

It looks like a sharp ended winged egg, with two fuselages supporting the tail. An engine is on each wing. Its wheels fold up into the engine cases when it is flying.

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And in its rounded nose are two quickfiring, with magazines of 100 explosive shells. Just one of these shells would blast an aircraft to pieces. Above these cannons are two machine-guns.

### SPEED 300 M.P.H.

There is room in the fuselage for complete radio equipment and photographic apparatus. The crew consists of pilot and gunner. The speed is 300 miles an hour. The range exceeds 1,000 miles.

The Scythe is an air battle cruiser. It can do anything. Instead of a series of fast fighters, with short ranges, being sent up at intervals to intercept a raid, squadrons of these machines can patrol over segments of a circle, at varying heights. It is a real interceptor.

In Paris, at the aviation exhibition every one was asking which air force the Scythe was intended for. I can answer that question. The Royal Dutch Air Force will be equipped with them first.

### Correspondence

## CHURCH AND THE CROWN

Your correspondent, M. M. Thomas, admirably expresses the feelings of many of us in this Colony and elsewhere. We have been regaled with the broadest opinion of the head of the English Church whose words many of us must have read with a feeling of nausea. Besides "Chivalry" mentioned by your correspondent, there is another sentiment which I have no doubt flourished in the Middle Ages and is known to-day as "not-biting-a-man-when-he-is-down." In the opinion of the Archbishop, this sentiment can no doubt be forgotten when such a golden opportunity arises for bolstering up the waning influence of the Church.

Any mother will realise what I must have meant to Queen Mary and the Royal Family generally to read Archbishop's diatribe. If instead of damning the late King in one paragraph and recalling his genuineness in the next, the Archbishop had expressed a little more sympathy for the difficult situation which the late King found himself, one would have respected the Archbishop's convictions more. He should know better than your readers that the lot of a King of England is not an enviable one but carries with it a burden and responsibility which few would care to bear. When a highly strung and sensitive nature has to bear this burden and the almost intolerable publicity that goes with it, it is to be wondered at that the burden should prove too heavy without the support which a loving wife alone can give. But then the Archbishop is a bachelor, so perhaps that explains everything!

I hope Mr. Bernard Shaw will be given an opportunity of replying to the Archbishop on behalf of those who sympathise with "the King over the water," but the puritanical influence of Sir John Tetlow may prove too great. Oh, the pity of it!

FAM. PLAY.

The usual Tombola will not be held in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Friday, 18th instant, but will be continued in the usual manner on Saturday, 19th instant. Owing to Christmas and Boxing Days falling on Friday and Saturday of next week, no Tombola will be run in the Garrison Lecture Hall.

## Why Abyssinia Lost The War

BADOGGIO'S ACCOUNT  
OF HIS VICTORY

FATAL MISTAKE BY  
EMPEROR

Rome, Dec. 5.

Field-Marshal Badoglio's account of the Abyssinian war, which is now on sale, gives a straightforward story of the operations he directed in language that civilians can understand.

It describes the confusion which reigned on the Makalle front and in the harbour at Massawa when he succeeded Gen. de Bono as Commander-in-Chief in November, 1935. The scarcity of roads and the terrible condition of those that did exist caused him "anguish," he declares. The left wing of the Italian army was almost isolated. An advance was impossible except at the risk of being overwhelmed and thrown back into Eritrea. The delay caused by the urgent need of consolidating his position forced Marshal Badoglio to storm of criticism from home but he stood firm.

By the middle of December he was ready to continue the war. His army, with between 40,000 and 50,000 men, had resumed his advance in the Scire. The Marshal decided to open his offensive in the Tembien. He was rather anxious at first as to the result but he won three battles in succession, the second battle of Tembien, the battle of Enderia and the battle of Scire.

### RAS MULUGUETTA KILLED

Ras Muluguetta was killed in action and then Ras Kassa and Ras Seyoum hesitated what line to take. Ras Imru retreated on Kollam, which was already in revolt.

The Italian high command intercepted a message from Addis Ababa to the Emperor, advising him to negotiate for a settlement, so as to gain time for reconstructing the army.

Marshal Badoglio describes his intense relief when he learned some time ago that the Emperor had rallied the bulk of his army to give battle at Lake Ashangi. He had been afraid that he would retreat on Dessie, thus forcing the Italians to fight a big battle several hundred miles away from their base.

The result of the battle of Lake Ashangi was fatal to the independence of Abyssinia. The Emperor lost the bulk of his army and his equipment and retreated in haste and in great danger towards Addis Ababa.

This was early in April. On April 20 Marshal Badoglio advanced with his headquarters staff and 12 large bombing aeroplanes to Dessie. He says that the terrible roads were his worst enemies.

### MARCH ON CAPITAL

After reconnoitering his weary troops for a short time at Quorum he made a series of forced marches to Addis Ababa. He affirms that the foreign legations in that city implored him to hurry and restore order because Haile Selassie had fled and the utmost confusion and anarchy reigned.

The advance took him 10 days and nights, which were an endless struggle against fog, blinding sunshine, and road-mending as the army moved forward. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of May 5 he entered Addis Ababa at the head of his troops.

This book contains none of the sensational revelations which made Marshal de Bono's volume so popular. Marshal Badoglio affirms that the war was won because the whole of the people at home were supporting it.

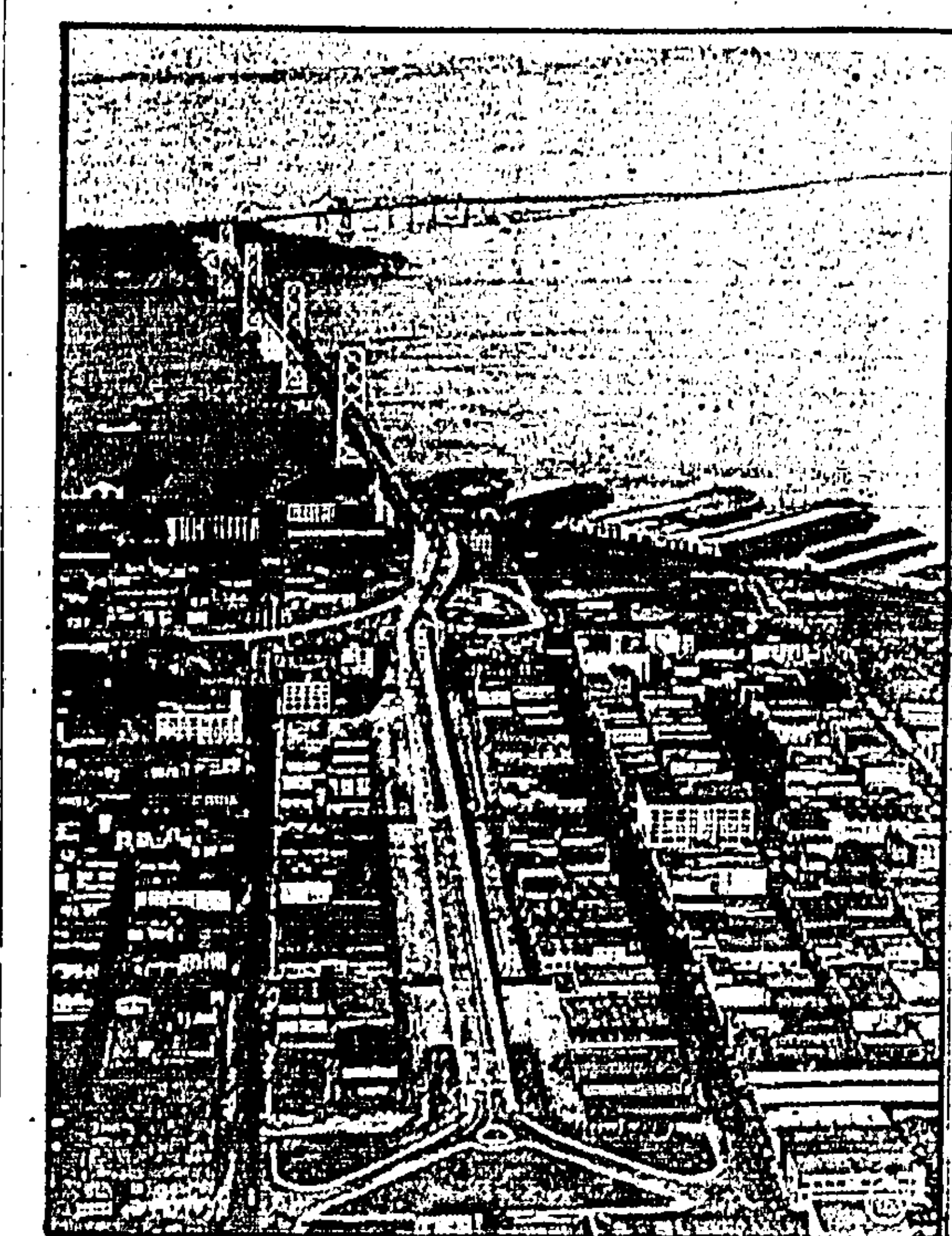
## PEERS UNDER 21 AT CORONATION

IT is officially announced that all peers who are minors but over the age of 10 will be invited to the Coronation.

This is solved a problem that had caused much speculation. One of the peers affected by the decision will be the Marquis Townshend, who will come of age on the day following the ceremony.

Lord Townshend ranks third on the roll of Marquises of England, and at present holds the position of premier junior marquis.

The following minor peers (showing date of birth) will be affected by the Earl Marshal's ruling:—Marquis Townshend 1910; the



Here's a new air view of the 77-million-dollar San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, world's longest span, opened to traffic Nov. 12. View shows Berkeley and Oakland across the bay, the cantilever span from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island, the west portal of the double-decked tunnel through the island, and the massive tandem suspension spans from the island to the San Francisco mainland. Nearer are the routes by which traffic has been diverted. In the centre, the circle indicates the lateral approaches connecting the bridge with the Embarcadero and downtown San Francisco, extending to the bottom of photograph is the main approach viaduct, terminating in the Fifth street plaza, with the final diversion of traffic to main arteries in San Francisco.

## NEW BOOKS CHINA IS IN THE NEWS IN LATEST RELEASES

Of books on the East, there is no end. Two which have just been published—"Gods of To-morrow: A Journey Through Asia and Australasia," by William Teeling; Lovat Dickson, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d., and "Manchoukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. E. Malone; George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.—will be of compelling interest, though the former naturally covers a broader horizon than the latter.

Mr. Teeling, who will be remembered as having addressed the Hongkong Rotary Club last year, took the occasion provided by a visit to Australia in connection with the Melbourne centenary celebrations, to tour the East for the purpose of learning about British colonial methods and also how dangerous to Britain, if dangerous she were, is Japan. The book, however, goes much farther than that—it gives a most entertaining account of his voyagings, and conveys the author's obvious determination to give an impartial account of all he saw and heard. For the most part, Mr. Teeling employs the method of relating the views and opinions of the various people he met, though injecting these with reflections of his own.

Hongkong he describes as the most lovely place among the British colonies he visited, and he adds that nowhere during his two years of travel did he find Britishers more interested in life and, on the whole, so optimistic. "There seemed, especially amongst the younger men, a tremendous interest in the future and only a great impatience at the way they were held back by the elder business men and by old-fashioned business methods from developing further into South China. There was only one criticism one could make of business in Hongkong, and that was the younger men, who seemed of a far better type than the younger men of Singapore or Ceylon, are held back by their seniors, who tell them not to bother about the expense of travelling into China for orders, but rather to hang about the clubs and tennis courts of Hongkong (and presumably finally marry the daughters of their worrying wives)." In this connection, Mr. Teeling

says: "he found only half a dozen young men who were constantly visiting the interior of South China. 'The South Chinese feel this very strongly and mentioned it to me on more than one occasion, especially the Kwangsi authorities, who pointed out that we have not even got a resident Consul in the whole of their province.'"

There is much more about conditions in South China generally and the lines on which Britain should operate commercially. Japan, of course, also figures largely in the book. The author thinks the European and American nations should be firm but friendly with her, but to think she can be made a friend is silly. Elsewhere, the view is expressed that there is no reason in the world why countries should not make agreements with Japan, be civil to her, and give her fair play, "but all the time she must be watched and never be allowed to take more than one is willing to give her." None the less, Mr. Teeling concedes that, according to her lights, Japan is doing right in taking everything she can for her own nation when she can.

Of Manchukuo, the author thinks it should be administered as a mandated territory. Bit by bit, he says, Japan is getting bored with this new baby. The Japanese have spent millions on Manchukuo and are not finding it remunerative; their Army is far from conquering it and far from feeling that it is a real asset against Russia. The suggestion of people who know Japan and Manchukuo well, according to Mr. Teeling, is that one day Japan will be willing to get rid of this problem. The book is crammed full of forceful observations, both in running comment and in the final conclusions. It bears the stamp of deep sincerity, and will be found of deep interest from cover to cover.

### JEWEL OF ASIA

"Manchoukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. E. Malone (George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.) is a different stamp of book. In it, the authors have attempted a survey of the new State in its many aspects. Not only is the volume concerned with political issues, but there is much of interest in regard to the life of the people, their customs, religious beliefs, etc. The book also contains a summarised historical survey of the Far East, going back to the very earliest times.

On political matters, and on the regime, the authors give a fair presentation of the facts, praising where praise is due, and criticising where criticism is called for. Two great evils are stressed—banditry and prostitution. The evidence of travellers, it is claimed, does not bear out the contention that Japan has

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1.30 p.m. Reuter Press, Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Light Concert Items

2.15 p.m. Close Down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—Could I believe... Totti Dal Monte, "Falstaff" (Verdi)—From Secret Caves and Bowers... (Soprano); "La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—Swear in this hour... Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone); "Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—A word allow me! A song of tender memories... Apollo Granforte, (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Motley, "Andrea Chénier" (Giordano)—Gazing one day into the boundless blue... Aureliano Pertile (Tenor).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m. Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Dawning (Cadman); From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadman); I love the moon (Rubens).

7.45 p.m. From the Studio.

The Third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by H. Abbott.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Band Concert.

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reduced the number of bandits; and the further point is made that, unfortunately for the natives of Manchukuo, the worst type of Japanese are entering the country. The extreme arrogance of the Japanese troops is also commented upon with the observation that it is deplored by Japanese officials.

On the other hand, there is warm praise for what Japan has done in the matter of education, and in stabilising the currency, and in reforming the banking and taxation systems. Much headway is also reported in road and railway construction. Regarding Manchukuo's mineral deposits, it is recorded that when these are developed the new State will become a much coveted land—a very Jewel of Asia.

Doubts are expressed whether the present form of government will continue. It is certain that Japan will carry out education and social amenities for the country, but the query is raised whether the actual population will benefit as they have a right to do, or whether they will become the mere victims of oppressive Japanese militarism.

All in all, an engrossing volume, bearing the imprint of a fairly close study of the new State, even if in parts the book is somewhat scrappy in assembly.

**PROGRESSIVE REVELATION**

Students of theology will find much that is thought-compelling in "Concerning Progressive Revelation," by Vivian Phillips (C. A. Watts and Co., Ltd., London; 1s.). This little book comprises a revised and extended chapter of the Churches and Modern Thought, by the same author. It is complete in itself, but necessarily the argument will be better understood if read in conjunction with the chapters which precede and follow it. The complete volume is now available in the Thinker's Library, issued at one shilling.

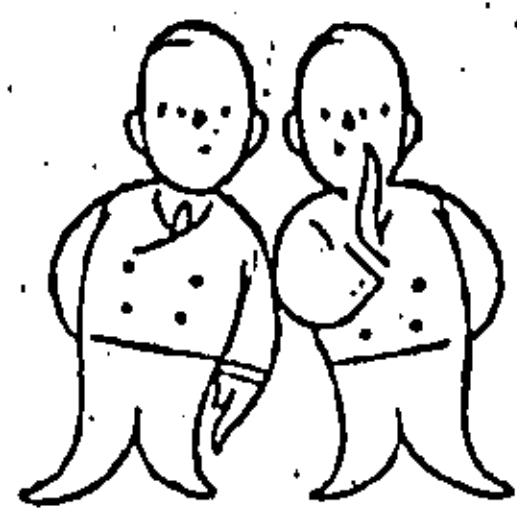
The author, in his preface, refers to the lack of publicity given to social anthropology, and deals with the importance to the Christian religion of the new theory of progressive revelation. In the book itself he gives detailed parallels in ancient religions, and asks all Christians to consider whether, in the common myths, we have marvellous anticipations of the Bible stories, or whether in the latter we have reproductions of the former. Progressive revelation seeks to explain away these parallels, but the author finds the theory quite unacceptable. The book is marked with obvious sincerity, and the viewpoint expressed is a new one, though the Christian concept, is reverently put.

**FOR THE CHILDREN**

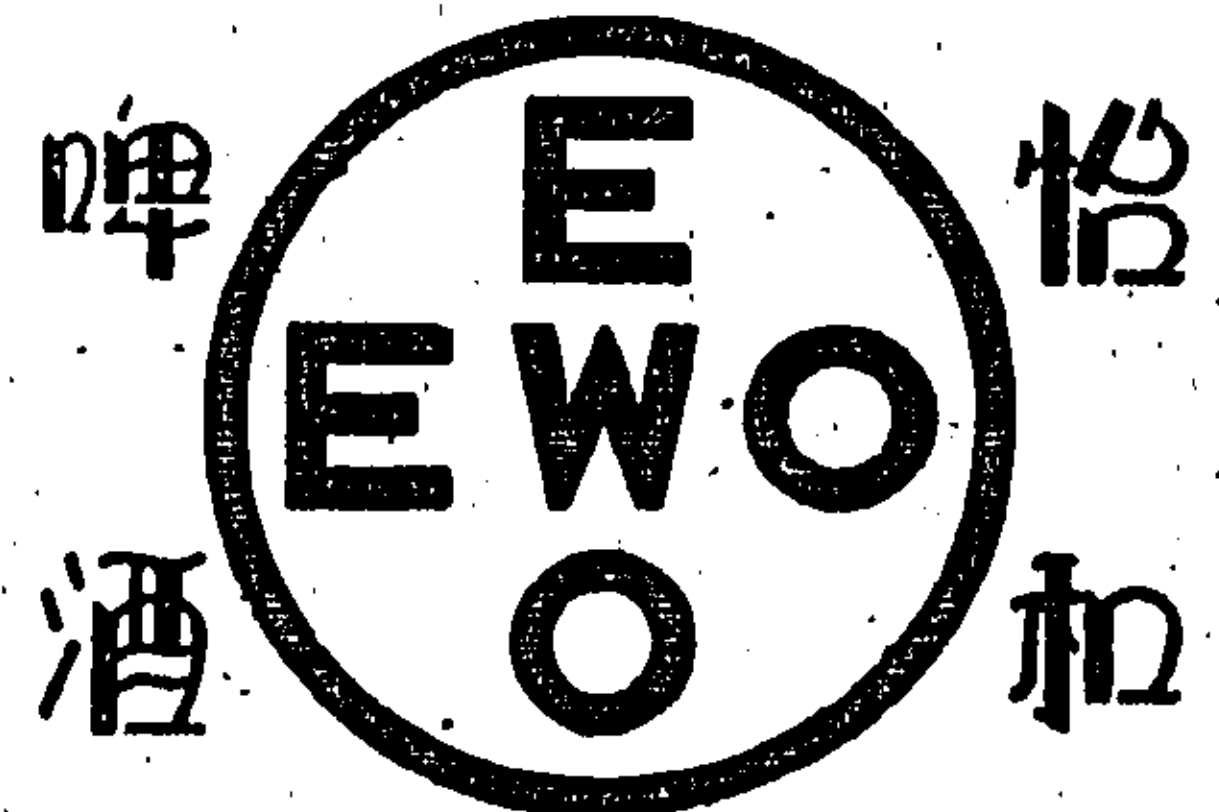
Raphael Tuck and Sons' publications for the yuletide season are well up to the high standard set by this famous house. Tuck's Annual, issued at 3s. 6d., has many fascinating features, including an article on magic tricks by a professional conjuror, thrilling tales of overseas adventures, mystery stories, riddles, jokes and puzzles. Father Tuck's Annual for Little People, issued at the same price, will be found just as popular, being full of merry tales and verses, and all manner of other attractive features. Both volumes are beautifully illustrated.

To Tuck's "Treasure Trove" Library, issued at 2s. 6d. per volume, there have been two additional volumes made—"Cocky and Co.," an adventure story, and "The Pearl Fishers and Other Stories." There are nearly two hundred pages of letterpress and scores of lovely illustrations. The "Joyous Youth" Library comprises a new series of four volumes at the remarkably low price of one shilling. These are "The Passing of the Black Hawk," an adventure book; "Adventures by Land, Sea and Air"; "Adventures in Animal Land"; and "Cinderella and Other Stories." They are very attractively produced and are charming and inexpensive gifts, sure to delight the kiddies.

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### CHRISTMAS PARTY ST. ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

The members of the Mothers' Union of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, were hosts yesterday afternoon at an annual Christmas party given for members of the Mothers' Union of St. John's Cathedral.

In the absence of Mrs. J. R. Higgs, Mrs. E. St. G. Kirke presided at the party, which opened at three o'clock with the playing of many entertaining games and competitions.

Music was provided by Mrs. Kirke and Miss B. Kirke and Mrs. Stevenson entertained with monologues.

A splendid tea with multi-coloured crackers was provided by Mrs. Gardiner, manageress of Harbour View Hotel. Following tea, Mrs. Kirke announced that the Mothers' Union intend sending a little present with their congratulations to Mrs. Higgs on the birth of a son.

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### TO-NIGHT'S DEBATE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING AT Y.M.C.A.

The most topical of all local subjects—Daylight Saving—is to be debated at the European Y.M.C.A. to-night.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who will open the discussion, will ask whether Hongkong really needs Daylight Saving. The meeting which starts at 8 o'clock, is confined to members only of the Y.M.C.A.

### SAMPAN OVERTURNS FIFTEEN PERSONS THROWN INTO THE HARBOUR

During the gusty weather yesterday a sampan carrying 15 persons overturned near West Point. The fortunate presence of a Post Office launch and a water boat prevented any deaths.

The sampan, which had a number of passengers, is believed to have been carrying too much sail and a sudden squall capsized it. The fifteen occupants of the boat were thrown into the water in confusion.

Seeing the commotion Chun Fok, coxswain of the launch H.D. 22, ap-

### BILLIARD TOURNEYS Local Championships Now Being Organised

In view of last year's success, the second annual championships of the Hongkong Amateur Billiards Association are now being organised. Entry forms have already been sent out to the public and the various clubs which are interested. They are reminded that the entries close on December 26, 1936.

Individuals joining the Association pay \$3 a year, which entitles them to join either the Senior or Junior Championship free of charge. Clubs wishing to join the Association have to pay \$10 a year.

The entrance fee for the Senior Championship is \$3 and the Junior Championship \$2. Further particulars may be had from Mr. A. B. Hanson, of Lane, Crawford Ltd. (Sports Department), who has taken over the Hon. Secretaryship of the Association.

proned the spot and rescued eleven of the occupants of the sampan, while the water boat Sze Woo rescued the other four. There were no serious injuries sustained, although two of the rescued were later taken to Kowloon Hospital suffering from the effects of the immersion.

### A POSSIBLE OXFORD COX DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

(By Conrad Skinner)

MOST people with a heart have been interested by the picture and attendant publicity of the cheerful nipper who is already spoken of as Oxford's possible cox for 1937. He stands 3ft. high, weighs 8st. 13lb., and looks as bright and jolly as they make them. Everybody will wish him, and Oxford, good luck if the matter comes to a favourable decision.

I am, however, more interested in the apparent resurgence of the old weight bogey, and I should like to discuss the matter theoretically, without any reference to the gifts and personality of the winsome Mr. H. P. Massey (of Balliol), whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I shall do no more than dispassionately use his measurements and weight, trusting that he will grant me that much licence.

First, then, here is a candidate four to five stone short of the normal coxing weight, and that invites a crude sum in mathematics.

and a typical cox at something round 120lb., the total dead weight of 1,020lb., is going to undergo a saving of 60lb. owing to the potential treasure Oxford has unearthed—a saving of one pound in every thirty-two.

If speed were going to vary precisely in inverse ratio to dead weight (that is, if the extra 60lb. of dead weight were going to be so disposed as to increase in exact proportion the air- and water-resistance, which constitute the chief known brakes on speed of any given crew) we should expect a boat-increase roughly equivalent to the said fraction, or some 700ft., from Putney to Mortlake—approximately 11 lengths, in fact.

### A MISGUIDED EXPERIMENT

But although my mathematics will not rise to a true assessment, I am aware that it would amount to nothing like so much as that. The addition of 60lb. to Mr. Massey would not increase water-resistance in that precise proportion, whilst the air-resistance of any coxswain at all must be largely negligible—owing to his "streamlined" screening by the crew.

Another important consideration is to keep low the centre of gravity in order to minimise the liability to roll. For this reason they sank my seat nearly to the keel of the boat in 1912—a scheme which defeated its purpose. My useful inches—considerable for a cox—had given me normally the advantage of easy vision over the heads of the crew as they "scissored" and I lost that by being lowered, having to get my view first on one side and then on the other. This tended to produce boat-oscillation, the very thing to prevent which my seat had been sunk!

If Mr. Massey is so short that he has to be perched on cushions, as I read, in order that he may see where he is going, up goes his centre of gravity, and one of the advantages of his size forthwith vanishes in this increased liability to roll the boat.

The precise saving in speed handicup which may be involved in the reducing of coxswain-weight I cannot estimate. Let us suppose, however, for the sake of argument, that by making up a crew of eight and a half men, instead of nine, we are going to save six lengths. Of what value is that if we choose for this purpose a cox who, by reason of short stature, cannot see adequately before him, or on the selected slippy for lack of weight and then trained on to be a cox in the hope that genius may spontaneously sprout within him?

Surely, primary account should be made of the positive gifts which go to make a helmsman and crew-controller.

A man may be worth 6-lengths for his lack of dead-weight, but he may lose the six lengths quite easily, even before Hammersmith—and none but an expert the wiser—if he has not the flair for tide- and channel-understanding, and the capacity to judge when, and when not, to pull his strings this way or that.

He should be the kind of man in whose experience and coolness a crew can wholly trust and to whom Stroke dares to leave the responsibility of advising on the kaleidoscopic panorama of the race, with its momentous decision to spurt here or hang on there, the man who will know, when it arrives, that here and now is the unique opportunity to crack the enemy with a double ten and steer into the favouring water ahead of him.

Whilst I think it was rash and ill-advised of a president once to offer to take a certain cox up to ten stone—a very flattering moment for him, of course—I do think that mere weight is discredited as a decisive factor. On the other hand I do also think that the obsession may have a psychological effect on a crew.

For this reason, all against my will and belief, did I rain down by seven pounds in 1912, but I was anything but completely fit for my job after it.

Anyhow, it was disheartening that that should be the year when we shipped 1½ tons of water between Putney and Hammersmith to render vain my sacrifice!

Mr. Massey may prove to have all the gifts, save inches, that the ideal cox should have. It is, at any rate, on the possession of some at least of these positive factors that the decision should turn.

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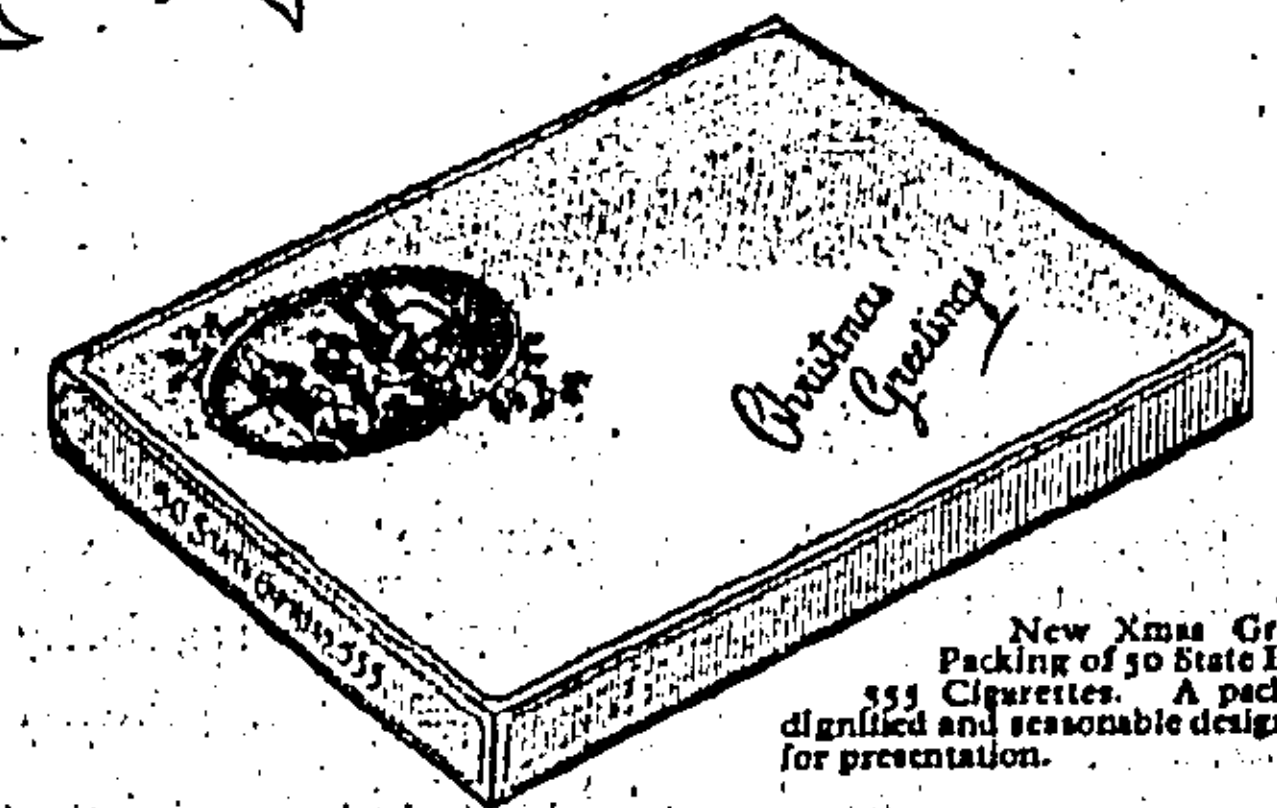
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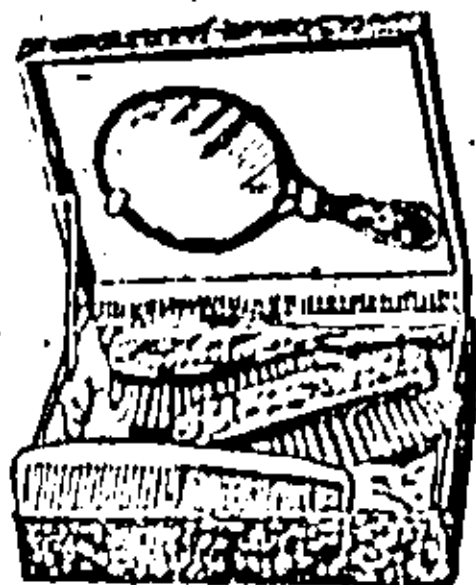
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## £200-A-Week Baron Gassed With Last Penny

By A Special Reporter

"Baron Emil Forst," ex-Secret Service man and £200-a-week Hollywood film scenario writer, broken by ill-health and war wounds, tired of trudging round London's West End with film scripts he could not sell or even give away, paid a penny to gas himself in a tiny top floor bedroom in Vauxhall Bridge Rd., S.W. one night this month.

And as I sat in my office writing his story my telephone rang and brought this news.

While Forst was losing his last hope a woman film executive from Hollywood was seeking him. "She had a story to translate and she wanted Forst to do it," I was told. "Another man made a mess of the job. The executive said: 'If only we could find Forst he would make a grand job of this! But she could not find him. The money would have saved him.'"

Forst, appointed head of the foreign literature department of Universal City by Carl Laemmle Jun., came to Europe from Hol-

wood two years ago to find material for film stories.

### SEALED ENVELOPE

He lost that job. He had to count his pennies. His last words before he locked himself in the bedroom to die were: "How long does a penny-worth of gas last?"

When the police were called to the bedroom, Forst, wrapped in an eiderdown, his head on a pillow under the bed, had been dead for hours. Propped on the dressing table was a big envelope, several times sealed.

It contained his will, which was witnessed last month by a West

End film agent to whom he had offered his last hopeless script. His suitcase contained nothing but a big new Bible.

Forst was born in Vienna on May 7, 1867; said his real name was Baron Emil Forsternak. He claimed to have carried out secret diplomatic missions for Austria during the great war.

His mastery of languages—Austrian, German, Italian, French and English—fitted him for the job of searching European capitals for Hollywood film stories. He was happy, on top of the world. But as an original story writer he was a failure. He was just a good translator and story finder.

### "PEACE AT LAST"

Film actor Gibson Gowland, his friend for 15 years, told me last night: "I first met Forst—we always called him Captain Forst—in Hollywood. He was writing film stories, and doing translations of plays and novels. He often earned £200 a week and more freelancing."

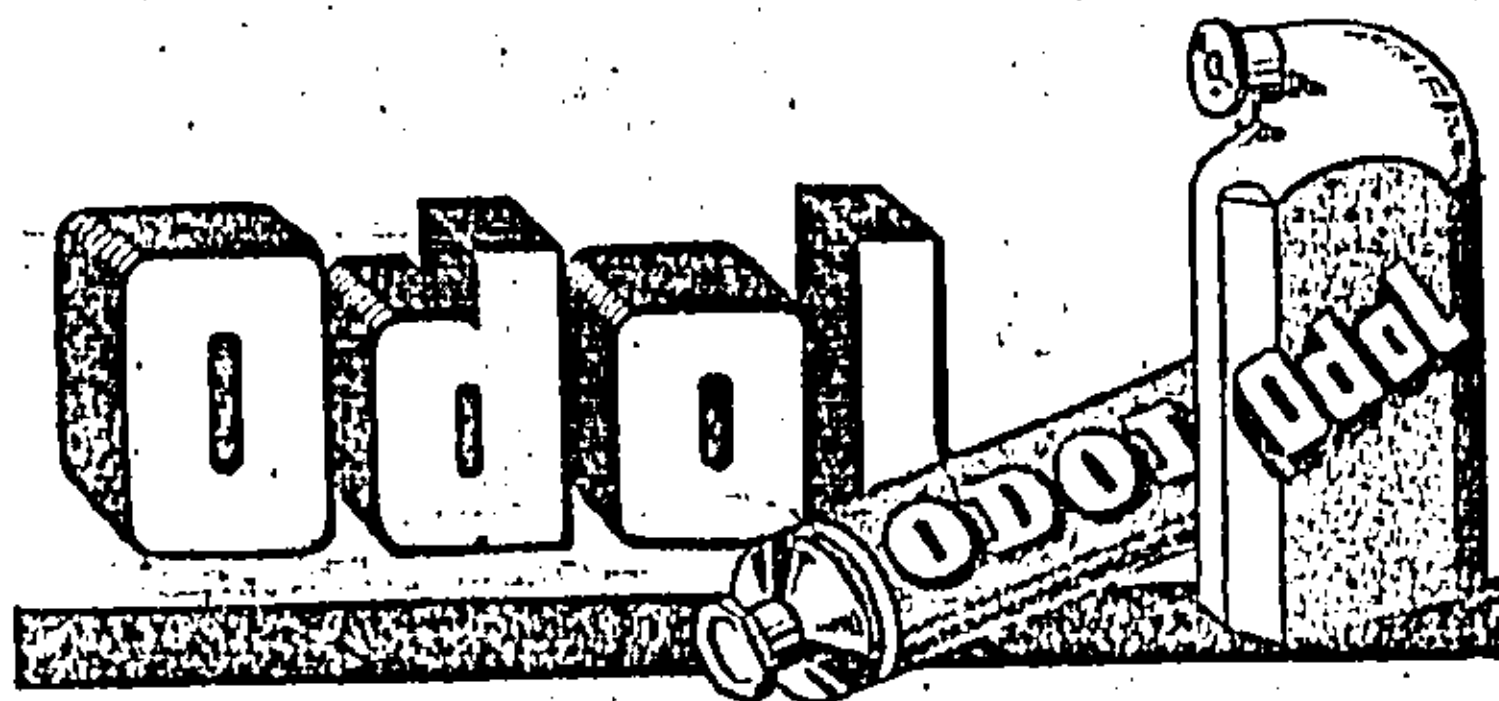
"He tried to write film stories in London; could not understand his failure to sell any. He could not earn a penny here. In Hollywood, you know, they buy stories they never use. Here they only buy the ones they want at the moment."

"The night before last he telephoned to me and he was very depressed. I tried to cheer him up, but he said: 'Well, I'll be gone before long and then you'll know that I'll be at peace at last.'"



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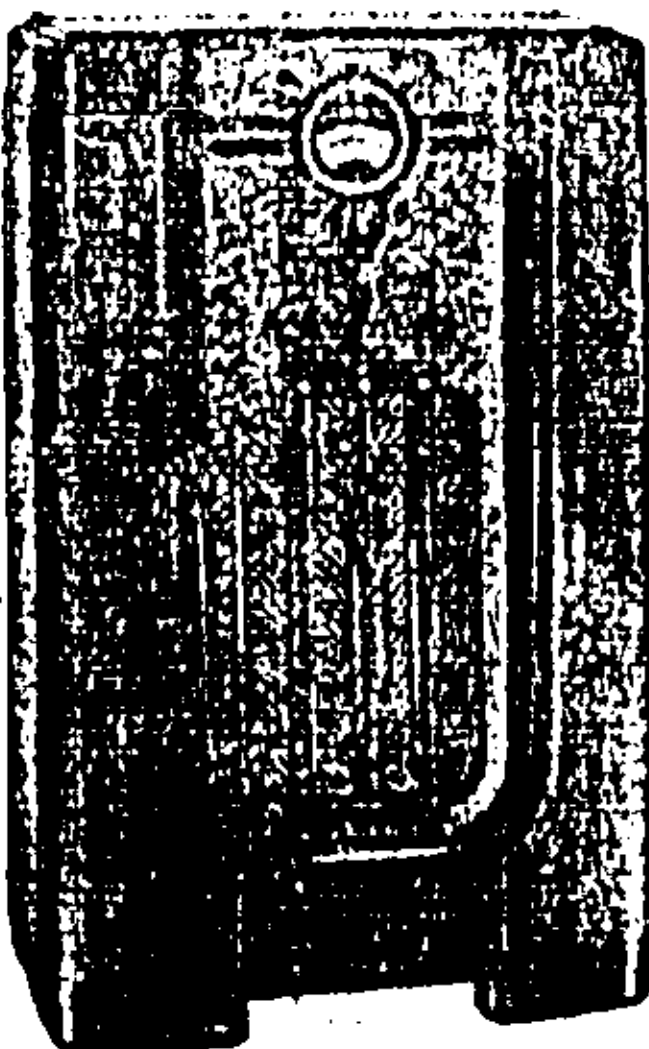
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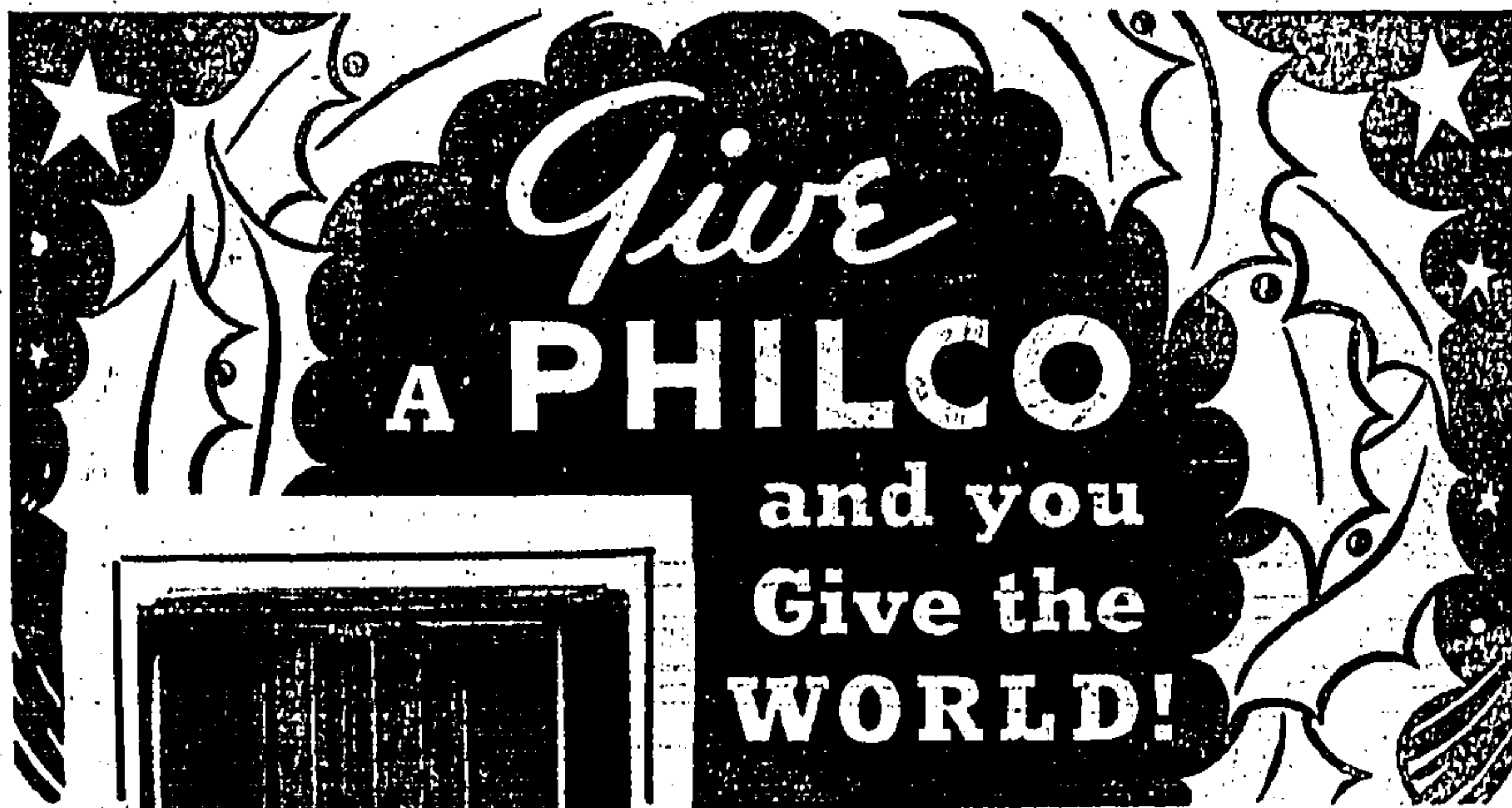
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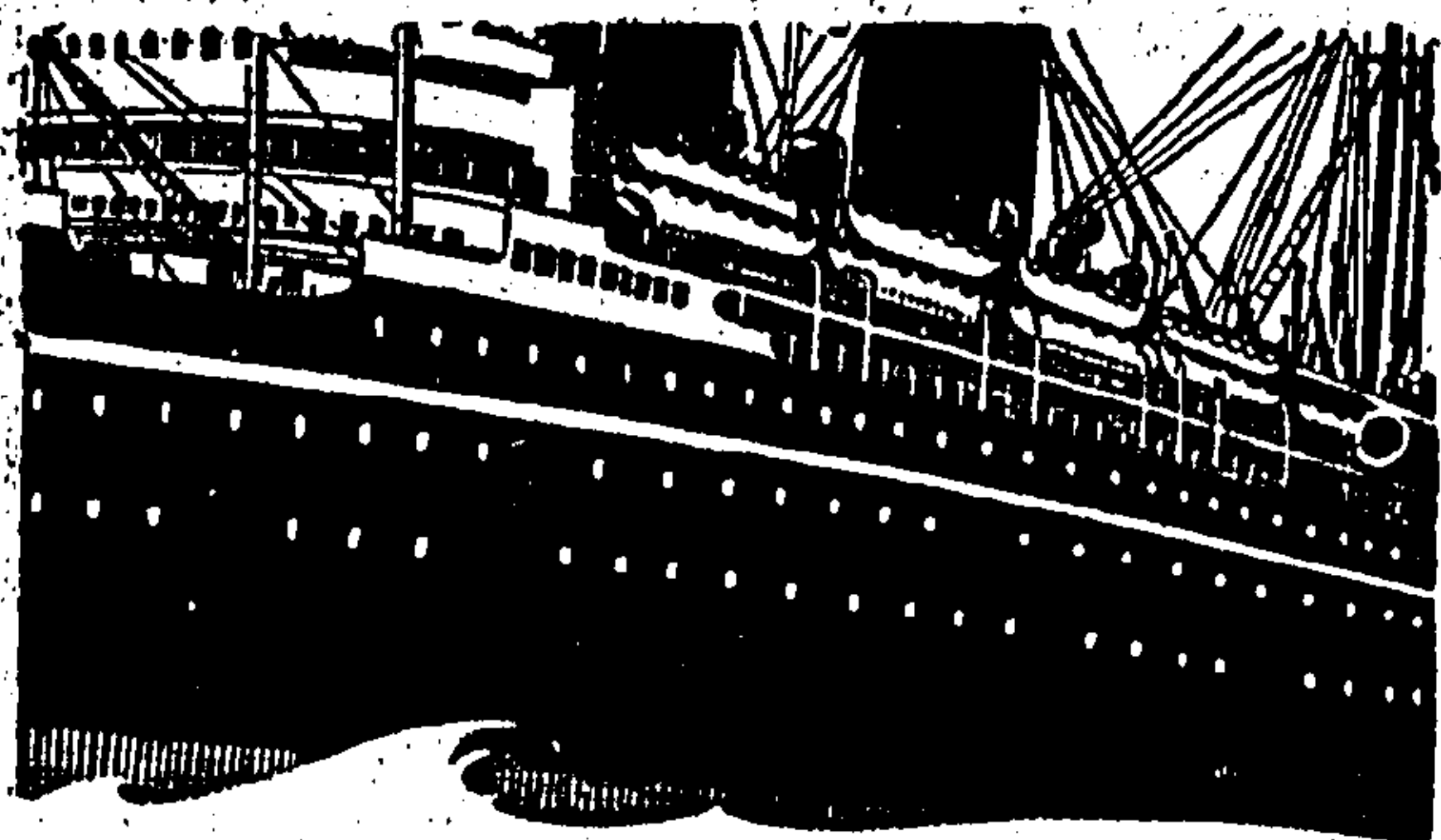
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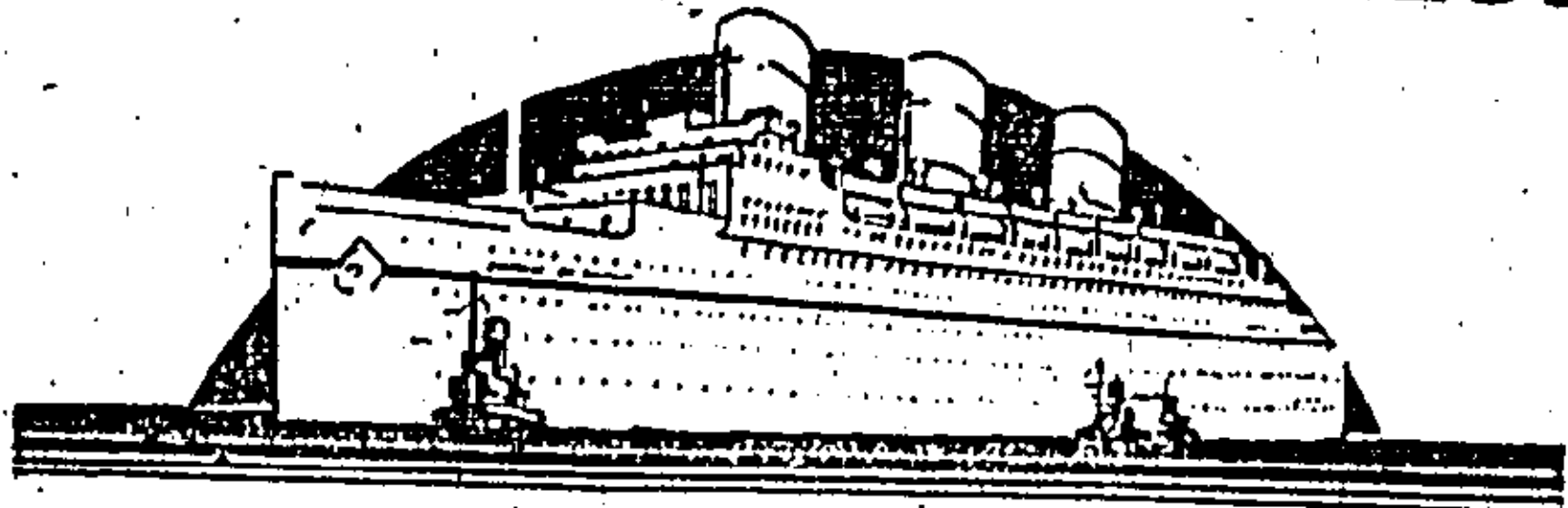
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## The Strange Case Of Mrs. Lowick

London, Dec. 5.

One of the most remarkable cases in recent times is in progress before the Court of Appeal.

It arose out of an appeal of Mr. Philip Lazarus, a Manchester magistrate, and his son, Mr. Adolph Lazarus, calligraphers, of Salford, against an award of £4,719 damages for malicious prosecution to Mrs. Frances I. Lowick (21) of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales.

Mrs. Lowick, then unmarried, and a girl of excellent character, was formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus in a clerical capacity. Money was missing by forgery on a large scale. Her employers brought a police court action against her, but it was dismissed, and there was no evidence at all as to what she had done with the money, if she had had it. The actual charge was in respect of a small sum of £170 only, but Sir Patrick Hastings (Counsel for the Lazaruses in the Court of Appeal) said cheques were involved totalling about £1,000.

Thereupon, the girl and her father, she was then under age—brought the action for malicious prosecution against the firm who were undoubtedly held up to much local odium after publicity all over the British Isles.

The firm appealed and when the action was started this week in a Higher Court, Sir Patrick declaring the facts would prove a very grave miscarriage of justice, said:—"Mrs. Lowick, formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus, was awarded the damages at Manchester Assizes last July. She had been acquitted on a prosecution, in October, 1935, for forgery of about £170."

"When Mrs. Lowick was prosecuted before the magistrate the astounding thing was there was no evidence at all as to what had been done by her with the money, if she had had it. Since the action was tried the most amazing information has come into the possession of the defendants from a shop called Stella's. Books show that, between April, 1935, and April, 1936, Mrs. Lowick bought £651 worth of clothes there."

"Between April, 1935, and October 11th, 1935, when she left her employment, she had paid £400 on account to Stella's."

"She always paid in £1 notes, within a day or two of the alleged forgery of the cheque."

"Of the balance of the £650, £170 was paid off in May, 1936, after the prosecution and before the civil action, and a final payment of £51 was made by the young woman's father."

"There also came to the defendants' knowledge another most astounding fact."

"On December 4th, 1935, somebody went to John Percy & Co. pawnbrokers, with jewellery on which £20 was advanced."

"The person pledging the property gave the name of Beatrice Chantres, a young woman employed by Stella's."

"Beatrice Chantres has been seen and says that no jewellery of hers was pledged at all, and she knows nothing about it."

"The pledge-notes have been inspected and an opinion has been given that they are in the handwriting of Mrs. Lowick."

"There could be no doubt," Sir Patrick added "that if the evidence was right the plaintiff and her father are in grave peril from another aspect of the law, having regard to the evidence they swore at the trial."

"There were, he concluded, an enormous number of grounds for appeal."

Mr. E. C. Hemmerde, K.C. for Mrs. Lowick, said: "One of the main questions which arose was whether she forged the cheques or whether Mr. Adolph Lazarus signed them in the ordinary course of business and put the money into his own pocket."

The jury found that the latter thing happened as shown by these questions left to them and their answers.

"Their verdict, if it stood, must inevitably lead to the prosecution of Mr. Adolph Lazarus."

"Our case will be that these books that are supposed to convict Mrs. Lowick are forged and have been forged to meet a desperate situation."

"The plaintiff will deny that she ever had the things and will say that the people who are now coming forward to help are people who, within a week of the verdict, asked her to put £2,000 of her damages in to their business."

Sir Patrick gave an undertaking that Mr. Hemmerde should have every facility to examine the Stella books.

And there for the moment the case stands. Fresh evidence is to be called.

## Big Game Freak

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

The skin of what is believed to be a new species of wild animal, shot in the Mau Forest by a white settler, is now being exhibited at the Nairobi Natural History Museum.

The animal resembles a huge lynx, but its colour, markings and the shape of the skull are different.

Natives believe it to be a Nandi bear, an almost legendary animal, reported to have been seen at intervals during the last 20 years, but never identified.

The skin and skull are to be sent to the British Museum.

## 8 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Mother, I think I'll get daddy a T — I — E for Christmas.

## American Critic of "£40,000,000 Coronation"

From A Correspondent

New York, Dec. 10.

"I have been reliably informed that the Coronation is going to cost the British £40,000,000."

"Let them pay that in interest on their debt to the United States, and go about their King-crowning in a simple way."

So said Representative Raymond J. Cannon (Democrat, Wisconsin) explaining to me why he is to introduce a resolution into the coming Congress enjoining upon the United States Government to boycott the Coronation ceremony.

#### OVER THE PHONE

"Speaking on the telephone from Milwaukee, Mr. Cannon insisted that the Coronation would cost the sum he mentioned."

There was a little give-and-take over the phone, as follows: Myself: "Supposing the British wanted to pay that amount on the debt, how would you accept the money—in gold or goods?"

Mr. Cannon: "I'd take it in any way that would relieve the American taxpayers."

Myself: "If you took it in goods, that might injure American workers who are now producing the same goods."

Mr. Cannon: "I don't know anything about that. What I ask is—have they made an offer? If they make an offer, let the State Department settle how to accept payment."

The resolution which Mr. Cannon is to move includes this: "A debtor has no right to waste huge sums of money for needless display and harmful propaganda without even attempting to pay his debts."

## SHEPHERD MUST NEVER AGAIN OWN A DOG

Gloucester, Dec. 10.

Ernest Grubb, a 52-year-old shepherd, of Kemble, Gloucestershire, will never keep a dog again.

This penalty was imposed on him here to-day, when he was summoned for cruelty to his dog, which afterwards died. He was also fined £1.

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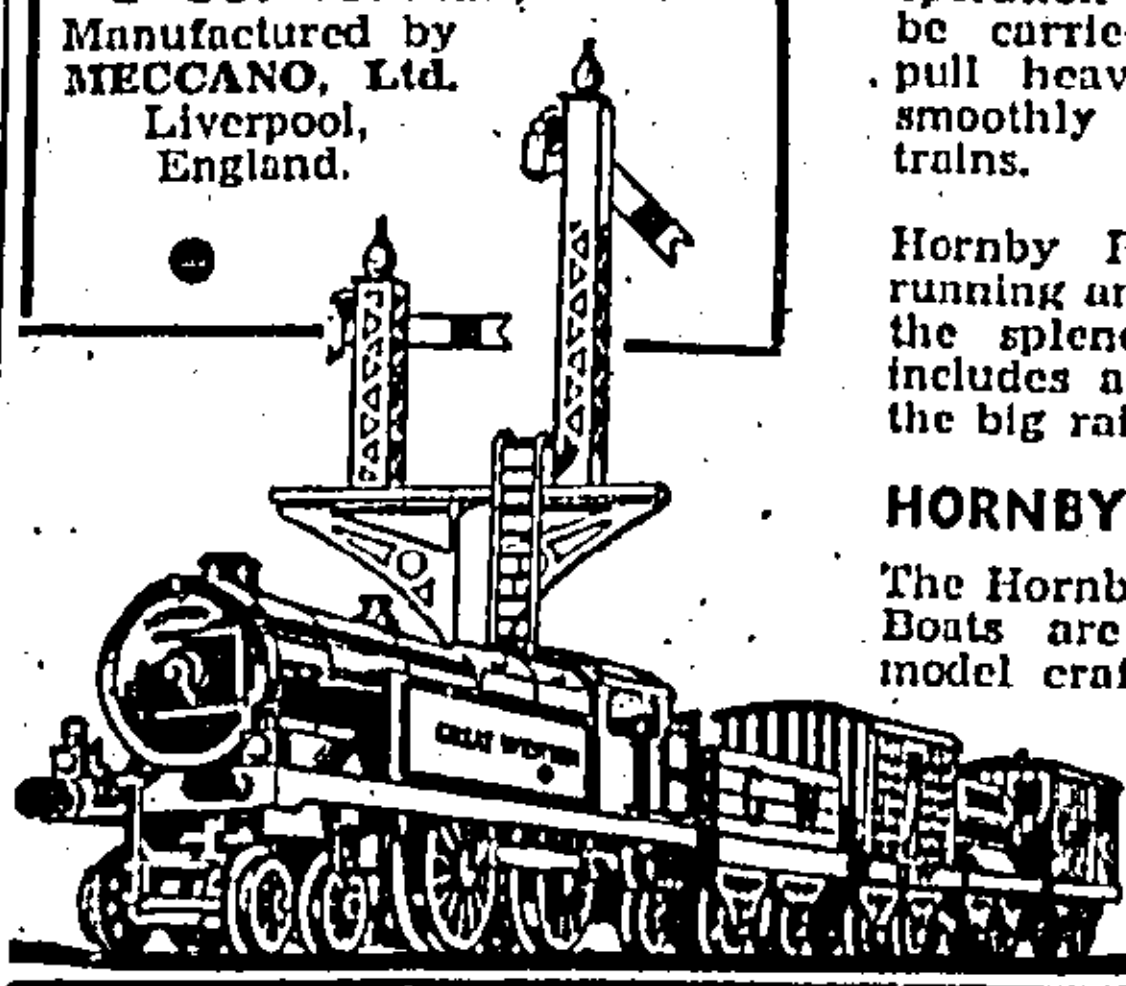
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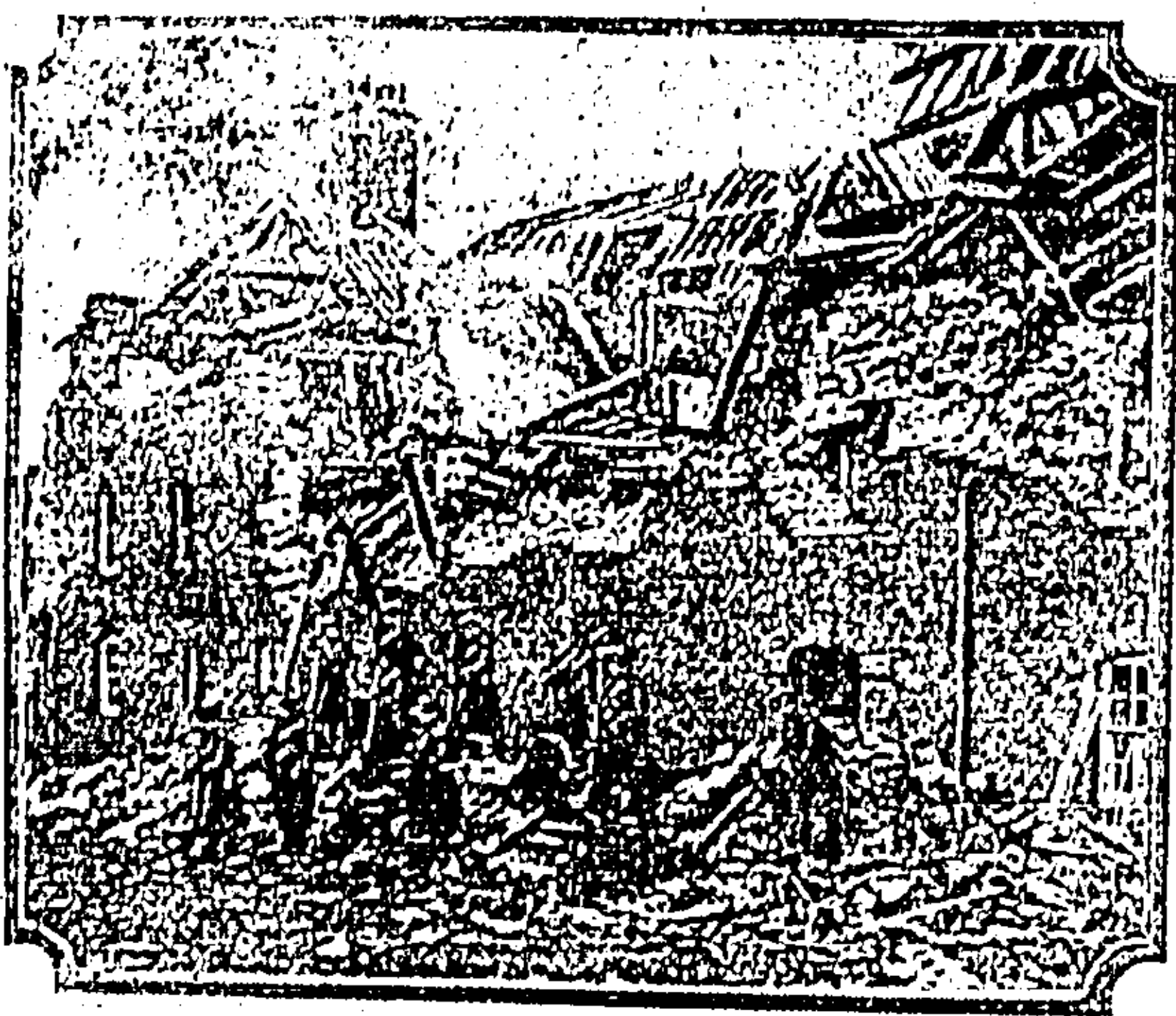
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## To-Day in the Past



The barracks after the bombardment. They were empty at the time.

By Coastguardsman  
**JAMES WALSH**

(who was on duty at the Admiralty Signal Station at Scarborough Castle during the bombardment).

DAWN was spreading over the North Sea. I had watched it for the past twenty minutes splitting up the darkness of the long and dreary night.

Never before had my vigil from the look-out station that topped a promontory overlooking Scarborough Bay dragged on so interminably.

## A Strange Vessel

I glanced at my watch. It showed 7.50. Thank goodness I had only ten minutes more duty. My relief, Bob Barnes, would already be climbing the steep hill that wound up from the town of Scarborough to the summit of the cliff. I stretched my limbs and walked to the door. A sticky chilliness enveloped me as I opened it and went outside on to the strip of grass that lay between the hut and cliff edge. A heavy haze hung over the sea. The turf was saturated. It gave beneath my tread. It glossed my boots to the sheen of patent leather. The White Ensign sagged sadly on

its mast above the hut. An uncomfortable, icy, penetrating mist, characteristic of November and December on the Yorkshire coast, "Frosty" they call it.

Below I could only just make out the sea. Grey and grim. I could hear it slurring monotonously over the shingly foreshore.

A few minutes later the mist began to lift.

Suddenly to the north I could dimly discern an approaching vessel. Just a blurred shape such as one would see through a badly focused telescope. It was travelling inside the swept channel that ran down practically the whole length of the East Coast and extended three miles out to sea, and which was used by all merchant shipping as a safeguard against mines.

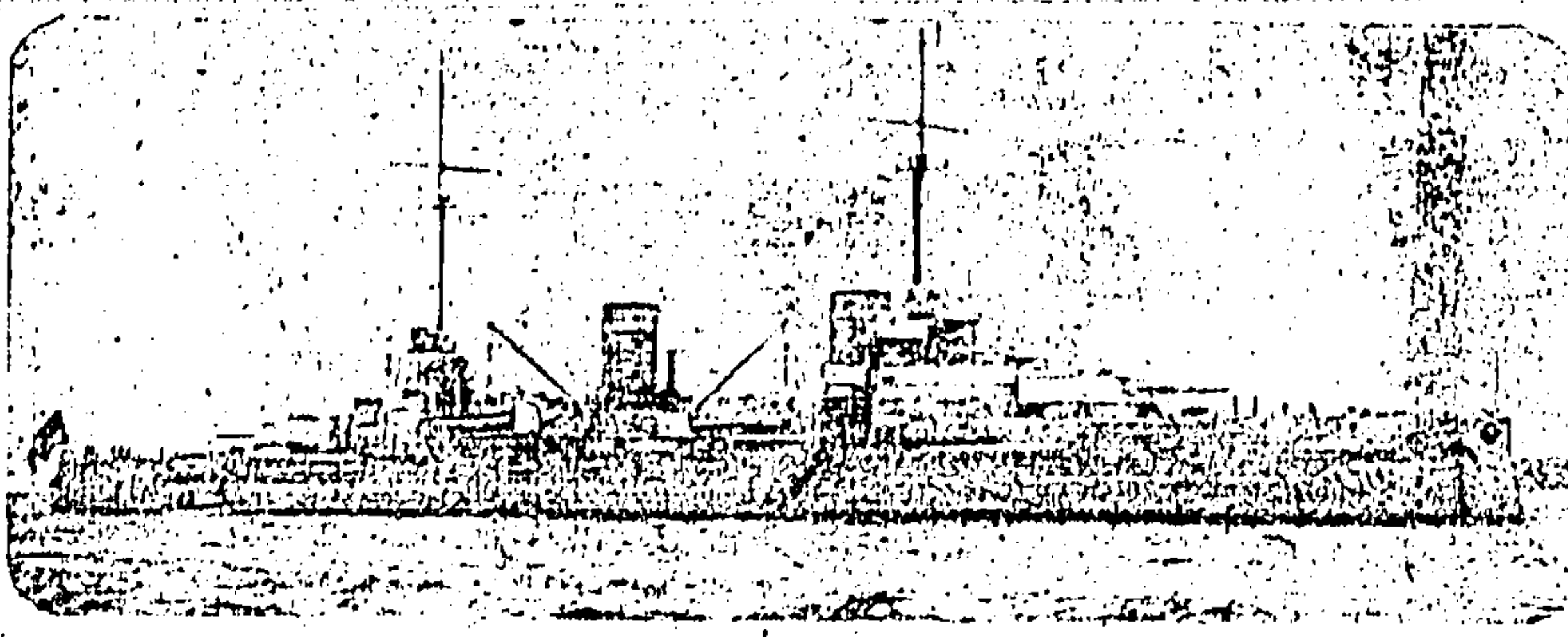
Probably one of the Carron Line vessels that were constantly passing along the channel with mails and merchandise on their way to and from Leith and London. I took a second look.

I hardly know what prompted my next action. Perhaps it was a slight unfamiliarity about the design of the boat.

Maybe it was because the guard at Scarborough Castle that lay barely three hundred yards immediately behind the signal station had the night before unexpectedly been doubled.

At any rate, I re-entered the hut and rang up Whitby signal station—the next round the coast northwards. I inquired if any vessel of the description of the approaching one had passed their station earlier. None had.

My suspicions were now definitely aroused. The suspect was drawing nearer. She was travelling at a great rate.



The German battle-cruiser Von der Tann, which took part in the raid.

# The Bombardment of Scarborough

Her speed was churning the water almost up to her forecastle. I called to my companions. They were Harry Holding, next in rank to myself, and a police constable, Harry Hunter.

It was usual during war time for the local police force to supplement the personnel at the Admiralty signal stations dotted round the coast with constables—mainly as a safeguard against espionage.

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## Flash And A Roar

She was quite close to the shore. I could make out figures crowding on the bridge. I could also see a gun being trained on to the Castle.

I sprang to the telephone. At all cost I must inform the wireless station at the back of the town. It was in direct touch with the Admiralty. I began the message: "Enemy battleships approaching from the north," I spoke hastily.

The message was never finished. There was a brilliant flash. A sonorous roar. A shell tore over the hut, taking with it the telephone wires. It burst in the strip of headland between the rear of the hut and the Castle.

The earth trembled. At the same moment my relief, Bob Barnes, white and breathless, dashed into the hut.

"My God, the papers, quick," he gasped. "This is going to be a landing."

I gathered up all the confidential books and documents, and flew to an old disused well at the back of the hut. Bob Barnes followed with a can of paraffin.

Now a second terrible resonant roar out at the sea, the whine of a shell, and the but we had just vacated was no more.

Nothing but a wooden platform that had formed the floor, and a tangled heap of smoking rubbish. With feverish haste Barnes tore off the cap of the paraffin can and poured its contents on to the books and papers that I had laid in a heap on the grass.

Another shell. We saw a great cloud of dust rise from a row of empty barracks adjacent to the Castle. A long, gupling fissure showed from roof to floor of its brickwork front.

With trembling fingers Barnes struck a match, and as the flames devoured the little pile I pushed the smouldering mass into the well.

Now there was a veritable fusillade of shells. One after another they roared and whistled over our heads and detonated with fearful explosions all around us.

We lay flat on our stomachs in the grass. At any moment we expected

to be in the midst of one of those shattering fulminations. Successive crashes told us that the Castle and the barracks were crumbling before the terrible onslaught.

I scrambled to my feet. The guns to port side were now being trained on to the town. A great shudder passed through me.

Scarborough was not an early rising town. In a moment its sleeping inhabitants would be roused to an unbearable agony. I waited in a fearful suspense. I was helpless.

Thirty seconds later there was a flash and an explosion and a salvo was flung into the midst of the thickly populated streets below me.

Again and again were those lightning flashes followed by explosions that quivered the air and terminated in crashes that seemed to reverberate against the cliffsides a thousand times.

Shell after shell was fired into the town at close range. Meanwhile the smaller vessel was returning northward again, laying of the town hall and lodged in the

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THE bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool by a German naval force brought home to the British people, perhaps more than anything else, the real meaning of the war.

On December 16, 1914, six German warships crept up to within a few miles of the British coast and rained shells on the two towns. During the raid they killed 137 inhabitants, injured 592 and did great damage to property.

council chamber. Another hit the lighthouse at the harbour entrance, badly damaging it. The hospital was hit, although, fortunately, no one was injured.

At St. Martin's Church on South Cliff morning Mass was being held when the bombardment started. One shell hit the tower. Naturally the congregation showed some concern, but after a few reassuring words from the officiating archdeacon the service was resumed.

Private houses and their occupants in widely scattered areas suffered tremendous damage. In Wykeham-street there is a house that has since always been known as "The House of Tragedy." A young soldier home on leave was trying to calm his terrified mother as shells flew over the house, when one penetrated the wall and exploded in the room where they were. It killed her, the soldier, and two young boys, one aged nine, the other five.

I well remember another tragic episode of the bombardment. A postman, Alfred Beal by name, was delivering the morning letters at houses on South Cliff, one of the better-class roads of Scarborough, when the ships started firing.

He plucked continued on his rounds. He reached a house known as "Duncliffe" and rang the bell. He had a birthday present for the maid-servant. She answered the door.

Even as he handed her the package a shell burst within a few feet of them. They were both blown to pieces. In all 209 properties were hit by the 400 shells fired; eighteen people were killed and eighty-four injured.

Many times since the bombardment I have thought it a significant fact that some eighteen months before the war a congress of German medical men was held at Scarborough, and that during its stay one doctor made a polite request to the civic

authorities to see over the town under the guidance of a local historian. The request was granted, and during the tour of inspection both the barracks and Castle were visited.

Every one in the German party was armed with a camera, and I recall that at the time particular interest in the Castle and its place in the military scheme of things was exhibited by several of its members, who asked a great number of searching questions.

But whatever the significance of this incident, there is certainly no doubt that on December 16, 1914, the commanders of those German battleships were by no means lacking in knowledge that Scarborough had both a Castle and barracks on its headland.

The deliberate and confident way they steamed to a point opposite these two edifices and took aim was ample manifestation.

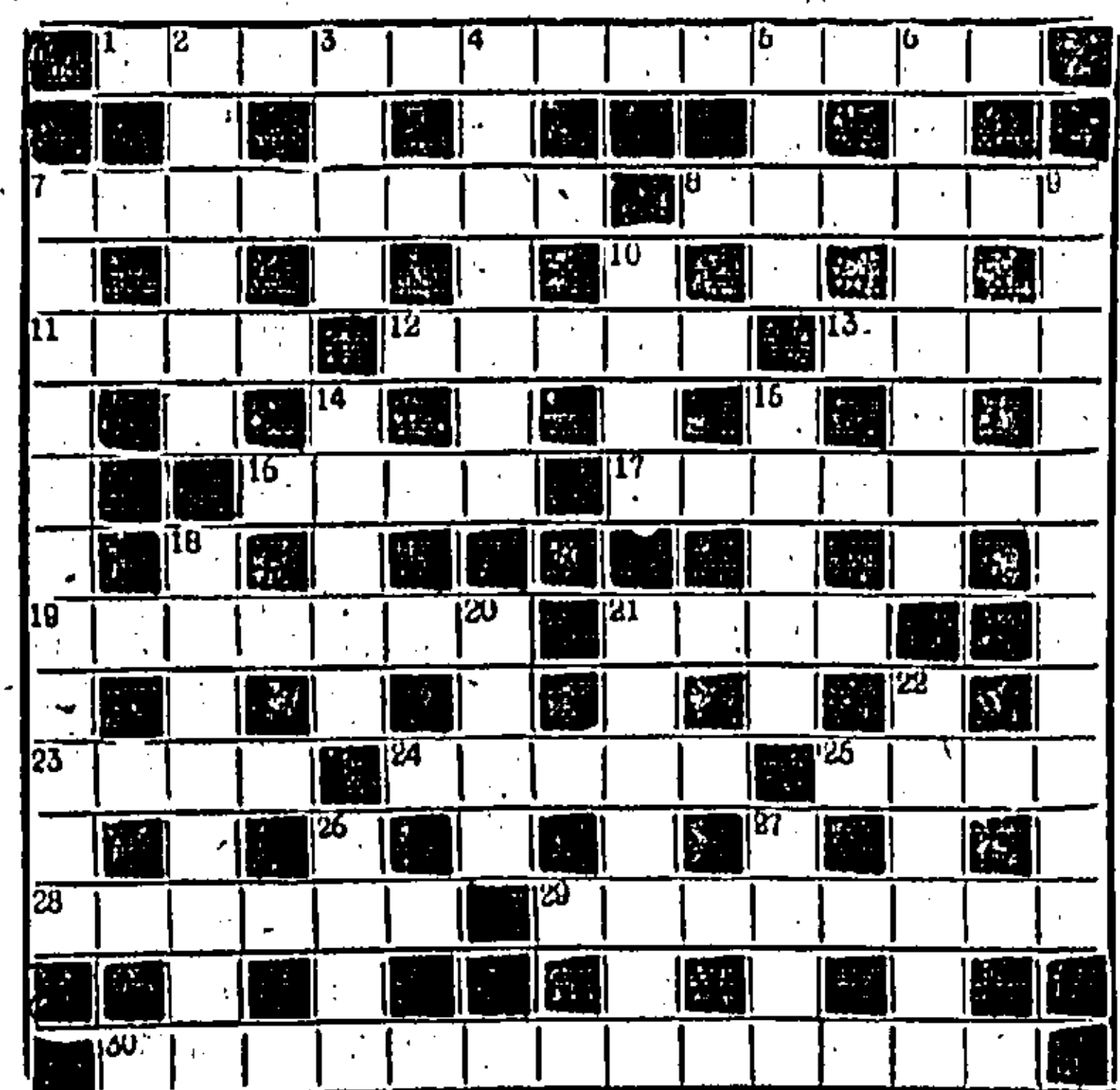
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What they did not know was that the barracks had not been occupied since the beginning of the war and that the military authorities had not deemed it necessary to take defensive precautions beyond a twelve-strong guard to fortify the Castle, since Scarborough had never really seriously been considered a mark for the enemy on account of its essentially residential character.

If the Germans had thought, as they evidently had, that the Castle and the barracks were of military importance, their bombardment of these two edifices was a permissible war-time operation.

But the effect of the bombardment on recruiting figures throughout the country and particularly in Yorkshire was a testimony to the strong feeling that the attack had raised in the hearts of the British nation.

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## ACROSS

- 1 Characteristic of a nation of shopkeepers, to include an old English kingdom.
- 7 Describes that crossword fish.
- 8 That is to come.
- 11 Quite washed out.
- 12 Own up that it's let in.
- 13 This page will cause a strike, I can see.
- 16 Fish that helps in the choir.
- 17 He shows derision though tender to a degree.
- 19 What Mordecai was to Haman.
- 21 Drudge.
- 23 Catpaw.
- 24 Bow.
- 25 She took the "repentant tear" to Heaven's gate.
- 26 An arrear of work in the Lewisham district.
- 29 Kitchen meal.
- 30 Although completely ambiguous it contains one quite definite term.

## DOWN

- 2 A bird that is full of oil and roc.
- 3 Why talk? Hundreds open shortly.
- 4 This is to be seen in mediæval halls and churches with a red centre-piece.
- 5 Clerical praise of a high order.
- 6 Befool.
- 7 Describes a novel journey.

## EPIGRAMS

- 9 Piano or text (anag.).
- 10 They have their points, cut up.
- 14 Frilly bow or wooden shoe.
- 15 Lol sir (anag.).
- 18 Simply a poem in fruit. Some consider it makes music.
- 20 The line that has a turning: they split this.
- 21 The lion would not be satisfied with this share.
- 22 Refrain.
- 26 Not full-blooded, but one mustn't be without it.
- 27 As arranged, according to this.

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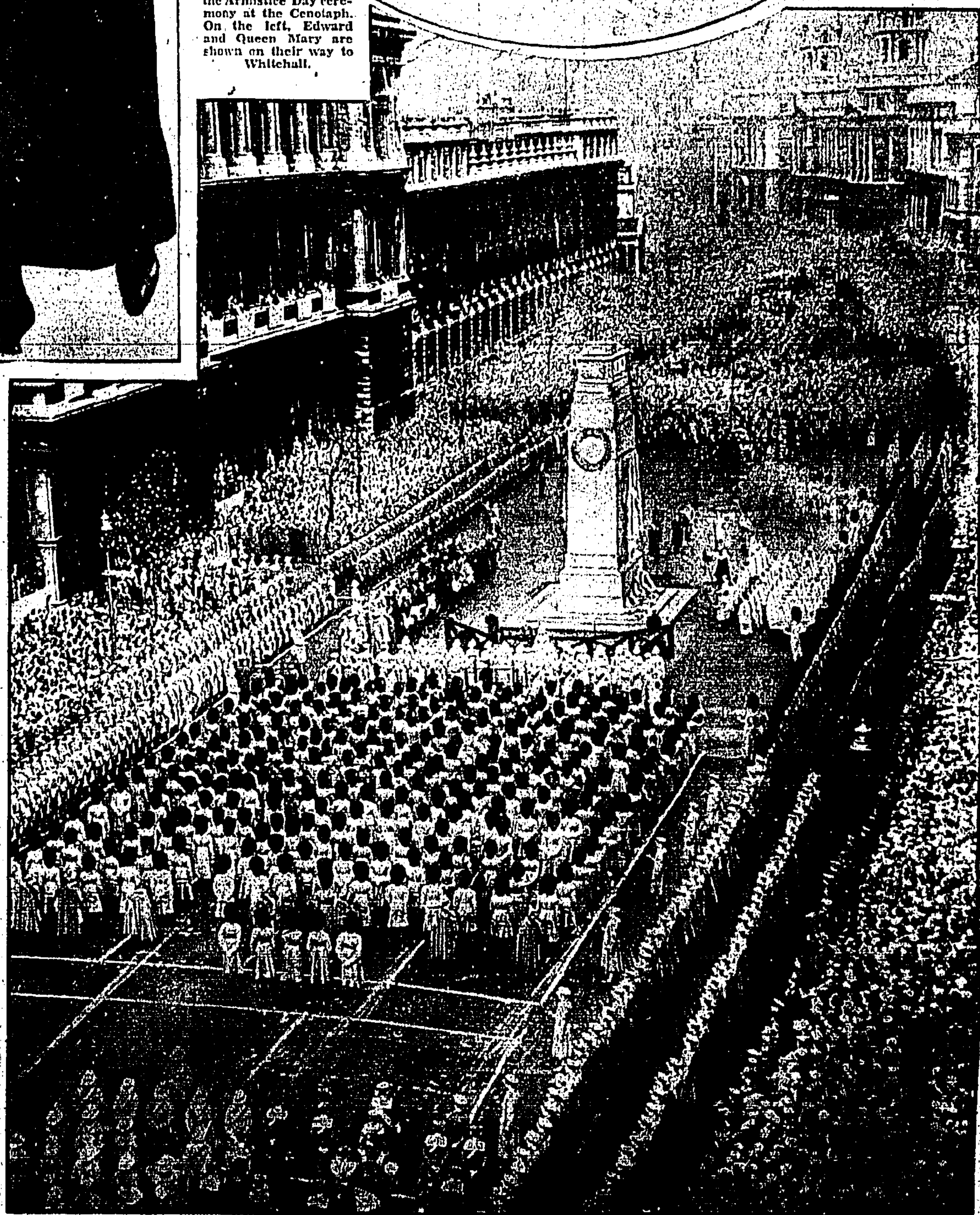
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## FIGHTS NINE DUELS FOR BRIDE'S HONOUR

### They Eloped; Sabres Will Settle Insults

Budapest, December 10.

DR. FRANZ SARGAS, young Hungarian civil servant and Budapest society man, is fighting four sabre duels late to-night and five to-morrow morning to defend the honour of his wife, 24-year-old beautiful millionairess, Magda Darko, with whom he eloped six months ago.

Dr. Sargas says that his opponents, all leading society men—two of them are counts—have made insulting remarks about his wife and their marriage.

A court of honour decided that the duels should be fought under the severest conditions—heavy cavalry sabres, the duellists stripped to the waist, with no bandages round throat or heart, as is the custom.

Dr. Sargas and Magda Darko met at a dance in Budapest, fell in love at first sight. The girl's family, Hungarian bankers, would not consent to the marriage. The couple eloped. Police were put on their trail.

Magda Darko wrote to her family to say she had gone with Dr. Sargas of her own free will and they were very happy; unless the family consented to their marriage they would not return.

A fortnight later the police found them hiding in a small country village near Lake Balaton. They arrested Dr. Sargas, but as it was clear he had not kidnapped his sweetheart they had to let him free.

At last the family gave way, consented to the wedding, and the couple were married in the summer.

Duelling is forbidden in Hungary, but the police have so far taken no official notice of Dr. Sargas's duels. The rule is that fines are imposed after the duels have been fought.

## DEATH CLAIMS ETHIOPIAN WARRIORS

Addis Ababa, Dec. 10.

Arch-enemies for the last five years, Bala Hu and Ligg Lukas characteristic figures in the former Ethiopian court of Haile Selassie have followed each other to their tombs in the short lapse of one week.

Contrasting in a striking manner both physically and politically, Bala Hu, seven feet and five inches in height, was claimed to be the tallest man in Ethiopia while Ligg Lukas was a small hunchback scarcely four feet tall.

Bala Hu had been chosen by Selassie to carry his red silk umbrella during official ceremonies because of his exceptional height and remained faithful to the former emperor even after Selassie's flight to Djibouti.

Ligg Lukas on the other hand was favourable to the Italians. He was the eunuch attached to Ras Hailu's harem and had been imprisoned for several long years together with his master for having offered help once to some Italian explorers.

While Lukas was the last descendant of a noble family of priests, Bala was a bandit who was dragged in chains before Selassie together with a group of brigands captured while plundering villages on the outskirts of Addis Ababa. His exceptional height caused the former emperor to free him and appoint him "Imperial Umbrella Carrier."

Following the former emperor's flight to French Somaliland, Bala Hu immediately resumed brigandage. He was arrested in June by Italian troops and sentenced to a few months in prison.

Details as to how both prominent Ethiopians met with death could not be obtained in any quarter. Popular belief, however, claims that Bala Hu must have contracted some serious illness while in jail. Ligg Lukas' death remains a mystery.

### "TERRIERS" RECRUITING

London, Dec. 15.

During November, 2,787 recruits were taken on the strength of Territorial Army, compared with 1,873 in October and 1,240 in November, 1935. During the eight months April to November, 1936, the intake of recruits was 26,208 compared with 15,109 during the same period last year, an increase of 73 per cent.—British Wireless.

### BRITISH FINANCES

London, Dec. 15.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £411,817,455, compared with £411,460,090 at the corresponding date of last year. Total ordinary expenditure is £550,440,208, compared with £525,208,924 at the corresponding date of 1935.—British Wireless.

## HE WILL MARRY THE WORLD'S MOST ELIGIBLE WOMAN



Prince Bernard Zur Lippe, whose marriage to Princess Juliann of Holland will take place on January 7.

## Love-Crazy Woman Is Hunted In Shooting Mystery

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.

Captain Clyde Plummer, chief investigator into the mysterious death of car salesman Reid Russell, started a search to-day for a love-crazed woman who, he believes, may have murdered Russell.

The best clue he has is a series of telephone calls received by Russell's mother from an unknown woman shortly before the body was found in a lawn swing at writer Gouverneur Morris's Los Angeles home.

The woman told Mrs. Russell that Reid had failed to keep an appointment with her.

Another police theory is that Russell was shot by a rival suitor.

Captain Plummer to-day made formal application for an exhumation of Russell's body. The first autopsy—in September—indicated suicide. Mrs. Russell insisted that her son was murdered, and the case was reopened.

## DO THEY BELONG TO YOU?

Cologne radio station broadcast messages recently for relatives of British soldiers to claim battlefield relics found eighteen years ago.

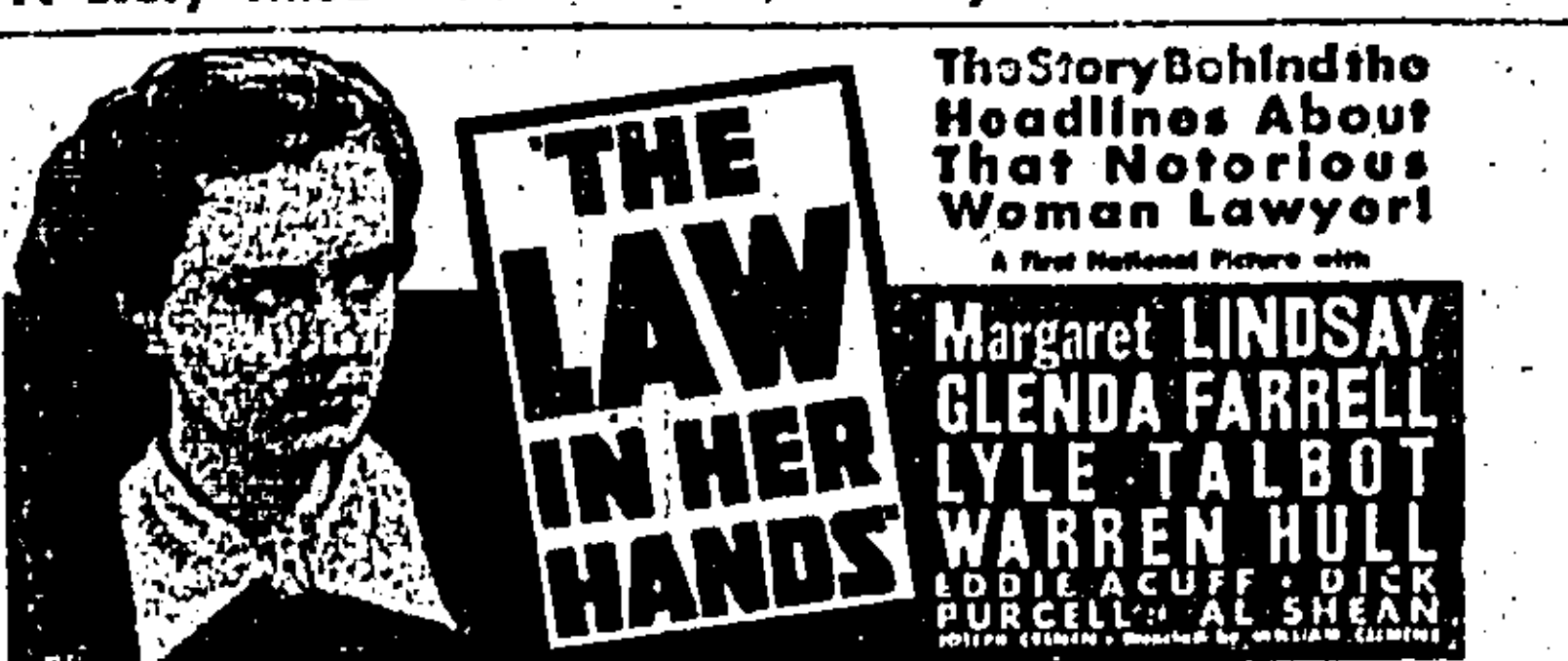
One is a Common Prayer Book bearing the name Rifleman A. Winter, SAO/E7, 14 Platoon, D. Company, Rifle Brigade.

The other is a waistcoat, with the name Captain Sexton, picked up on the Ypres battlefield in April 1918. The German soldiers who found them want to give them back. If any one has a claim, send it to Cologne radio station.

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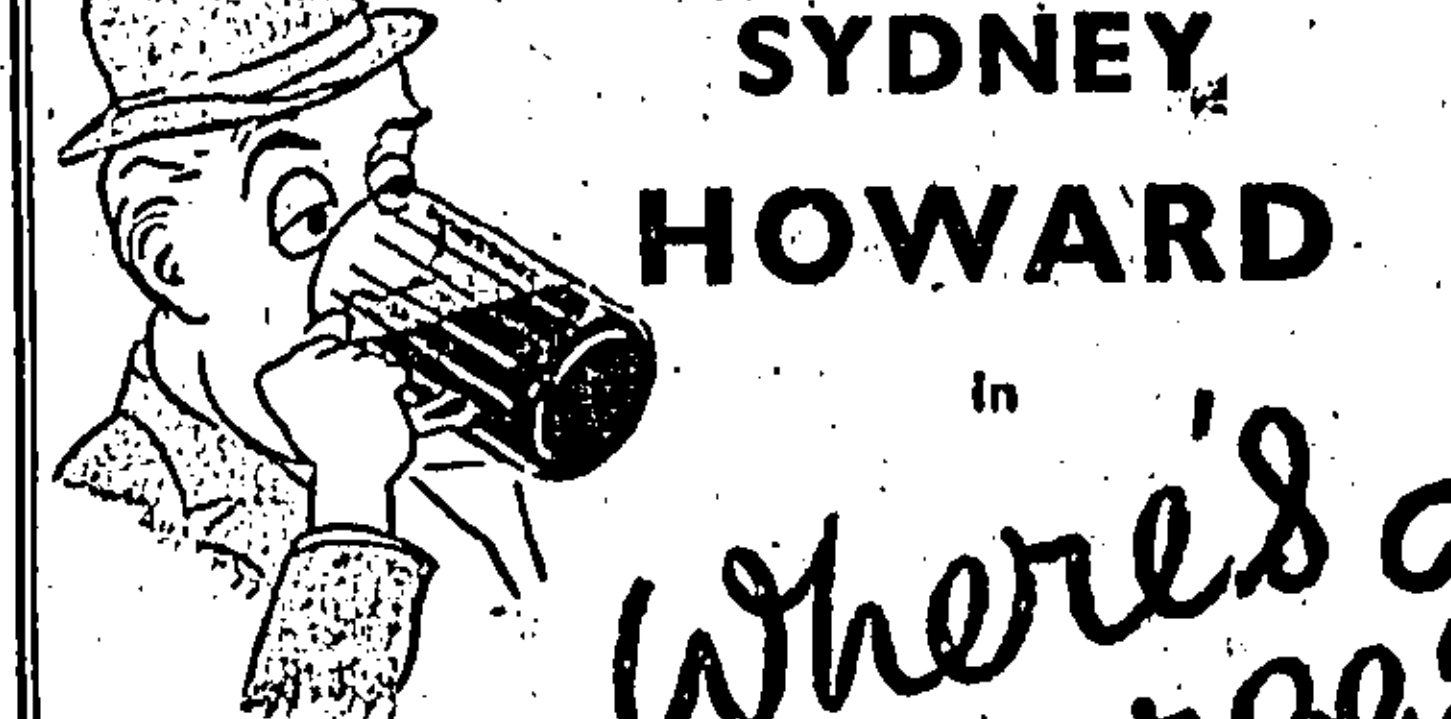
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# CHIANG'S ADVISER SEES SETTLEMENT AT HAND IN NORTH

## But Generalissimo Refuses To Treat with Captors LOYAL TROOPS SURROUND REBEL HEADQUARTERS AT SIANFU

MR. W. H. DONALD, ADVISER TO MARSHAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK, WHO IS ACTING AS A NEGOTIATOR BETWEEN NANKING AND CHANG HSUEH-LIANG, WHO HOLDS THE GENERALISSIMO HOSTAGE TO HIS TERMS, BELIEVES A SETTLEMENT OF THE NORTH CHINA CRISIS WILL BE EFFECTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS PROVIDING PATIENCE AND TEMPER ARE NOT EXHAUSTED. MARSHAL CHIANG, HE HAS REVEALED, HAS REFUSED CHANG'S REQUEST FOR A UNION WITH RUSSIA AGAINST THE JAPANESE, IN SPITE OF THE "YOUNG MARSHAL'S" ENTREATIES.

Nanking, Dec. 15.

It is announced that Sianfu, where General Chang Hsueh-liang has established himself and a strong body of troops, and where he holds Marshal Chiang Kai-shek captive, has now been completely surrounded by Government forces.

Aeroplanes dropped leaflets over the city this morning calling upon the rebels to surrender their captives, which include Marshal Chiang's chief staff officers.

Meanwhile, Mr. W. H. Donald, British adviser to Marshal Chiang, has returned from Sianfu. He denies the report that General Yan Hu-chen is leading a counter-revolt in Chang Hsueh-liang's camp and described a dramatic interview with Chang and Marshal Chiang himself.

In this interview Chang entreated Marshal Chiang to accept his proposals, particularly that for an alliance with Russia against Japan. Marshal Chiang, however, declared this was impossible at present.

Shortly after the interview, Mr. Donald telegraphed Nanking saying intensive negotiations would be necessary to secure the release of Marshal Chiang. The rebels were evidently determined to exploit their possession of so valuable a hostage in order to force the Government into concessions.

The danger is, said Mr. Donald, that the initiative may pass from Chang Hsueh-liang to the younger rebel officers, who might decide that general disruption of the country, which would follow the death of Marshal Chiang, would be more favourable than any other condition to the realisation of their aims.—*Reuter*.

### Chiang Refuses Proposals

Tokyo, Dec. 16.—The Japanese Domei correspondent in Shanghai quotes the Central News Agency despatches of December 16 announcing that Mr. W. H. Donald, foreign adviser to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, had arrived at Loyang following a visit to Chang Hsueh-liang. He also saw Marshal Chiang, alive.

"There is no change in the condition of Chiang Kai-shek," said this authority.

Marshal Chiang refused various proposals urged upon him by Chang Hsueh-liang, asserting they must be submitted to the Kuomintang Congress.

This announcement contradicts all previous Domei reports.—*United Press*.

We presume that among the reports contradicted is that to the effect that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, together with other staff generals, at the hands of the rebels in Sianfu.—*Ed.*

### Execution Denied

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—A Government spokesman to-day denied the Japanese report that Chang Hsueh-liang had broadcast from Sianfu the statement that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had been executed, terming the statement "malicious propaganda calculated to upset the market and the public."

Mr. W. H. Donald, Marshal Chiang's adviser, has answered a United Press query by telegraph, reporting that he had an interview with both Chang and Chiang, and adding that Chang has no intention of harming the Generalissimo.

Unless unforeseen difficulties arise,

### Chang's Demands

"The difference between the Generalissimo and Chang Hsueh-liang and his colleagues is one of policy," Mr. Donald goes on. "They are endeavouring to extract by drastic action what the Generalissimo hitherto has been reluctant to say of his own volition."

"They feel compelled by national expectations of resistance to ensure that the Government will not delay further definite action to oppose the Japanese in Suiyuan and elsewhere. They oppose the use of the army against Chinese, even if they are Reds, while territory is being sliced and the administration usurped by the Japanese."

### Promise To Obey

"Chang and his colleagues state they will follow the Generalissimo's leadership loyally if active resistance is pursued and reforms instituted. To-day and Tuesday, for the first time, Marshal Chiang discussed the problem with Chang Hsueh-liang, who later conferred with his colleagues."

Mr. Donald stated he was returning to Sianfu from Loyang on Wednesday.—*United Press*.

### No Mention Of Execution

Nanking, Dec. 16.—The Central Broadcasting Station copied verbatim a report of Chang Hsueh-liang's broadcast from Sianfu and denies that the Young Marshal made any mention of the execution of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, as some

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## CHANG SAVED JAPAN?

### LONDON "TIMES" SUGGESTS AND TELLS JUST WHY

London, Dec. 16.

"The Young Marshal's treachery has perhaps saved the Japanese Government," observes the *Times* to-day.

Japan's Chinese policy and her agreement with Germany had incurred criticism from many politicians, but opposition is momentarily confounded, the paper adds.

The Communist spectre alarms Japan, it goes on to explain. Chinese opinion must be perturbed by the serious revolt in Kansu. Yet it is far from certain that Chang Hsueh-liang cherishes any but purely personal and predatory ambitions. He has expended a great part of the fortune with which he retired from Manchuria on a large and disorderly army and believes he can extract better terms for himself and his warriors by hold-up.

Whether he succeeds or fails, the *Times* declares, his action has thrown an unpleasant light on the dis-equilibrium of Chinese politics.—*Reuter*.

## T.V.A. EXPANSION STOPPED

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Federal Court has enjoined the great Tennessee Valley power and irrigation enterprise against further expansion, pending adjudication of the suit which is to be tried March 8.—*United Press*.

## LOYAL REGT. TAKES OVER



During the ceremony of change-over of the British troops in Shanghai, men of the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Loyal Regiment fraternising and lining up for refreshments; (lower left) Brigadier Telfer-Smollett and the Brigade Major, Captain Rennie, watching the men; (low right) the colour party of the Loyals.

## Air Express Missing

### LAST SEEN FIGHTING AGAINST STORM

Salt Lake City, Dec. 15.—A Western Air Express liner is ten hours overdue here, carrying four passengers and three of a crew on the run between Los Angeles and Chicago.

The machine was last seen in a storm above Milford, Utah, at 2.20 a.m. this morning.

Planes and trucks are checking the emergency landing fields and searching the rough terrain over which the liner's course lay.—*United Press*.

## ARMY AIDS SEARCH

Salt Lake City, Utah.—The Army air field attaches have received authorisation to use all available equipment to search for the missing Western Air Express liner, now 18 hours overdue.

Meanwhile, amateur radio operators have been requested to listen for signals respecting the last machine throughout the night.—*United Press*.

## LOCAL MOTORISTS WARNED

### PROTECTION FOR PEDESTRIANS FAIR SHARE OF ROAD

In passing sentence of one year's imprisonment, with hard labour, on Wong Ping-chong, young lorry driver, for the manslaughter of a countrywoman by collision with his vehicle, Sir Abner MacGregor, Chief Justice, this morning addressed warning words to the motorists generally.

His Lordship said: "I am prepared to accept your story that you were anxious to pass another vehicle at that point, and took a chance. You no doubt got out of your way. It cannot be too strongly impressed on all drivers of motor vehicles that the law will do what it can to protect other users of the road—even the poor pedestrian. I have got to punish you as an example to others who might feel inclined to take similar unjustified risks."

The hearing was the conclusion of the charge arising from the death of Cheung Suet, elderly country woman, less than an hour after she was knocked down by accused's lorry which was attempting to pass a car.—*(Continued on Page 4.)*

## GARDNER ARRESTED AGAIN

### ANOTHER CHARGE OF FRAUD POLICE OBJECT TO BAIL

Joseph Charles Gardner, aged 48, of No. 302 Nathan Road, second floor, who was discharged by the Chief Justice at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, on a technical point of law, when he appeared on two charges of fraudulent conversion, was brought before the Senior Magistrate, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy this morning, on a new charge.

Gardner was stated in the charge to have fraudulently converted to his own use the sum of \$31 given to him by his employers, the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., for the purchase of revenue stamps, on January 5, 1935.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., appeared on behalf of accused.

Chief Detective-Inspector J. Murphy, for the prosecution, said: "Mr. Williams (the Assistant Attorney-General) has told me to ask your Worship to make a note that the case is for committed. Defendant has been arrested on a warrant in respect of certain sums of money converted by him in 1935. There will probably be further charges preferred against defendant, and I have been instructed to ask for a formal remand of one week."

His Worship asked if defendant was to be allowed bail, but Inspector Murphy objected to this.

Defendant was accordingly remanded formally for one week.

Gardner, when first charged at the Central Magistracy, Mr. K. Keen, and at the Criminal Sessions, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, Sr., successfully argued that defendant had been convicted by the Magistrate, and could not be committed a second time at the Supreme Court.

## Great Damage By Storms

London, Dec. 15.—The storm which has raged over southern England since Sunday has blown itself out.

Several villages are flooded, however, with a loss of livestock, and trains have been held up in many places due to the washing away of embankments and the collapse of tracks.

Rainfall was almost an inch in 24 hours over most parts of the country and in some places three inches were recorded.—*Reuter Special*.

## DUKE MAY BUY ESTATE IN HUNGARY

Budapest, Dec. 15.—It is reported that the Duke of Windsor is negotiating for the acquisition of an estate at Lengyel, belonging to Count Zichy.

The estate is over 4,000 acres in extent and beautifully situated on the shores of Lake Balaton, 80 miles from Budapest.

It includes a castle and provides splendid shooting and golf.—*Reuter Special*.

## FREIGHTER ASHORE AT CASTLE PK.

### EXPECTED TO FLOAT AT HIGH TIDE DAMAGE NOT SERIOUS

The Norwegian steamer *Promise*, of 1,291 tons, is at present ashore at So Tun Pan, near Castle Peak, having grounded last night whilst on her way from Canton to Swatow with a cargo of coal.

The steamer, which is commanded by Captain Meling, is offered by Norwegians. She was built in 1920 for Messrs. H. M. Wragell and Co. and her port of registry is Haugesund. Her local agents are Messrs. Karsten Larsen and Co.

On enquiry this morning it was learned that the steamer has not suffered any serious damage, and that it is expected that she will be refloated at high water to-night.

Meanwhile, the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's tug *Henry Keawick* has left for the scene of the grounding.

## QUEEN'S AUNT PASSES ON

London, Dec. 16.—The death has occurred of Lady Anne Bowes-Lyon, wife of the Hon. Francis Bowes-Lyon, and aunt of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

The deceased was formerly Lady Anne Catherine Sybil Lindsay, fifth daughter of the 21st Earl of Crawford. She married the Hon. Francis Bowes-Lyon in 1883.—*Reuter*.

## GERMANY REQUIRES COLONIES

### BRITAIN WARNED OF WAR'S COST RIBBENTROP OUTSPOKEN

London, Dec. 15.—The solution of the Colonial question is in the interests of everyone in the long run, declared Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the new German Ambassador to London, strongly emphasising his argument when speaking at Grosvenor House to-night. It was his first speech to an English audience.

"Herr Hitler sees in the possession of colonies for the supply of raw materials, and in world trade, the two most essential means of raising the standard of life of Germans from the present subsistence level," he said.

Another Anglo-German conflict, another world war, would mean the inevitable victory of world revolution, and the rule of Bolshevism for generations, he added.

Herr von Ribbentrop regretted, he said, that the German Chancellor's repeated offers of disarmament, non-aggression pacts and other peace instruments had failed.

He was convinced, said this diplomatist, that the world would be unable to return to order and peaceful development as long as the destructive Communist ideas were effective.—*Reuter*.

## BRIDGES DEFIES LEADER

### WOULD USE GUNS TO START STRIKE RANKS SPLIT ON ISSUE

New York, Dec. 15.—The I.L.A. Atlantic District Council to-day listened for three hours while Mr. Harry Bridges, the radical I. L. A. organizer, urged the support of the East Coast strikers.

The I.L.A. president, Mr. J. P. Ryan, refused Mr. Bridges' plea.

He charged, furthermore, that Mr. Bridges was under orders from the Communist leader, Mr. Earl Browder.

Said Mr. Bridges: "We must pull out the I.L.A. longshoremen even if we have to use machine-guns."

The Council then dismissed Mr. Bridges as its West Coast organizer. "We are not paying anyone to disrupt our organization," Mr. Ryan explained.

There is now a significant split in the Union, which culminated in a struggle between Mr. Bridges and Mr. Ryan, in which the former charges the other with "strike-breaking" since he has not supported the West Coast walk-out.

Mr. Bridges has started for Boston to attempt to start a longshoremen's strike there in defiance of Mr. Ryan and the I.L.A.—*United Press*.

## EXPECTS UNDERSTANDING

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Mr. F. W. Taylor, of the Department of Labour, who has been assisting negotiations towards a settlement of the shipping strike, announced to-day that he expected ship-owners' representatives and spokesmen for the marine engineers, cooks and stewards' unions to continue in session until "they reach some understanding."

There is a tentative agreement regarding penalties for contract violations and with respect to the "hiring hall" system, which observers regard as important.

Wages and length of working days have not been discussed, however. Mr. McGrady cautioned that it might be several weeks before any tentative agreements could be made effective.

"Ship-owners are confronted with the task of satisfying the demands of several separate and distinct unions and overmuch optimism is dangerous at this stage," he said. "Ship-owners are holding in abeyance plans for the restoration of services until the 'stikes' have cleared."—*United Press*.

## COAL TROUBLE AHEAD

Washington, Dec. 15.—The bituminous coal mine operators have formally warned Mr. J. L. Lewis that the Appalachian Joint Wage Conference's Reporting Committee plans to demand restoration of the 40-hour week, compared with the present 38-hour week, without increased wages.—*United Press*.



# THAT WASP WAIST

Is It Coming  
Back  
Again?

by...  
MARY GRACE

It is curious how fashions in figures change. One year we are all up and down as straight as a ruler, then before that season's outfit is worn out, the fashion makers come along and suggest we look like pouter pigeons or Gibson Girls again.

Fortunately, these changes do not take place all at once, so that we have time to settle down and wonder if we should really like wasp waists again.

Most dresses this year are definitely waisted, and although none of us will consider the discomfort of tight lacing seriously, it is worth while considering how we can get that fashionable wasp waist look without suffering.

It's not difficult, this illusion of a small waist. Broaden the shoulders with sleeves, fit the bodice with a gentle curving line, raise the waist line an inch above its narrowest part at the back, princess fashion, gore the skirt out over the hips, and your waist will look inches smaller.

## Graceful Fashion

It is a graceful, comely line, especially for evening wear, and a suggestion of a waist without undue emphasis on a long, full-skirted dress, as you see in the picture, is as well suited to the woman over forty as it is to the young girl in her late 'teens.

Another forty years ago fashion we can welcome back is a liking for ribbons.

On stately dresses of velvet one sees necklines outlined with rosebud trimming made of ribbons, whilst strands of vari-coloured ribbons, plaited or twisted, make most alluring sashes.

Gay Sashes  
Sash ends I always think give a most graceful touch to a dance frock. They also give a note of gaiety which can be subdued or enhanced at very little personal expense.

For sobriety one can twist the dark colours together, whilst for more festive occasions a gold or scarlet note may be introduced.

Ribbon is not expensive, and its decorative scope is wide. Flowers, loops, bows and plaits can all be ribbon-made.

Empire bodice, balloon sleeves and flowing skirt of this velvet frock emphasize the slim waistline.

The smaller sketches show the fashionable sash on a new velvet and tulle frock and a lacy evening outfit with nipped-in waist-line and bustle effect.



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## SWEET AND SAVOURY SOUFFLES

EGGS are a necessity for the making of a souffle, and just at present they are both cheap and plentiful.

A hot souffle may be either sweet or savoury, and may be cooked by baking or by steaming. A souffle is a very light dish, and to make it successfully great care must be taken in the preparation, the cooking, and in the dish and serving. The freshest of eggs should be used, and great care taken that the measurements are exact. The cooking should be very steady, whether in a steamer, or in the oven. Quick or fierce cooking will not be satisfactory. When turning out and dishing, be quick and deft in the handling, and use hot dishes and spoons for serving. The application of cold will cause the souffle to fall quickly, and, consequently toughen.

THE steamed souffle should be turned out, but the baked souffle should be sent to table in the dish in which it has been cooked. If this dish is of fireproof clay, or of tin, fold a hot table napkin round it. If of fireproof glass, stand in a suitable container, or on an entree dish.

Paper cases may also be used for the small individual cases if they are to be baked. To prepare a mould, always grease very well and, if to be turned out, place a piece of paper greased, and cut to the exact size, in the bottom. A piece of strong white paper should be folded round the outside, to raise about three inches above the top of the mould, and tied firmly with string. This provides for support when the souffle rises above the top of the mould. A piece of paper, cut 1 inch larger all round, than the top of the mould, and well greased, should be prepared. This, placed on top when cooking, prevents the condensed steam from falling into the souffle. When steaming, the water should boil, steadily and evenly, all the time the souffle is cooking, and do not disturb it until it has been cooking at least half an hour. The rising should be quite steady. Quick cooking will make the souffle coarse and spongy. The time for cooking varies, of course, with the depth of the mould. When a souffle is turned out or removed from the oven, waste no time in serving it. There is always a certain amount of collapse, which is unavoidable, owing to the contact with the cooler atmosphere, but the more steadily it is cooked, the less the shrinkage.

For a baked souffle, the preparation of the mould is the same as for steaming, except that the pieces of paper for the top or bottom are not necessary. The oven heat should be brisk, but not fierce, and the time for cooking varies according to the size and depth of the mould, but the average time is about 30 to 40 minutes for a reasonable souffle. If these directions are followed, the souffle should not present difficulties too great for the sensible housekeeper, and there should be no necessity to regard the cooking of a souffle with the amount of awe and diffidence that are usually given to this dish.

### Vanilla Souffle

Ingredients: 1oz. flour, 1½ butter, yolks of 3 eggs, whites of 4 eggs, 1oz. sugar, 1 gill milk, vanilla essence. Method: Melt the butter in a saucepan, stir in the flour, off the fire. Cook slightly, then allow to cool. Add the milk, stir until boiling, then add the sugar and vanilla. Beat the yolks, gradually. When cooled slightly fold in the stiffly-beaten whites of eggs. Pour into the prepared souffle mould and cover with greased paper. Bake according to instructions for 30 to 35 minutes. Turn on to a hot dish and serve immediately, with a suitable sauce.

### Custard Souffle

Ingredients: 2 tablespoons flour, 2 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup milk, 4 eggs. Method: Scald the milk in a double saucepan, or jug. Mix flour and butter together, and add it gradually to the boiling milk, stirring all the time and cook well for 5 minutes. Beat sugar and yolks together. Pour on to them the milk and flour mixture, stirring constantly. Stand aside to cool, then fold in the stiffly-beaten whites. Pour into a prepared souffle mould and bake about ½ hour. Serve immediately, taken from the oven.

### Fruit Souffle

Ingredients: Any kind of fruit may be used, either fresh, cooked, or preserved. If preserved or stewed, drain from the syrup before using. Method: Rub 1 cupful of fruit pulp through a sieve. Sweeten to taste and make hot. Fold into it the stiffly-beaten whites of three eggs and beat well. Pour into a greased and fireproof glass pie-dish. Stand in a dish of hot water, and bake in a moderate oven until set and slightly browned. Serve immediately, with a custard made from the yolks of eggs and milk, or a sauce made of the fruit juice or syrup.

### Prune Souffle

Ingredients: 1½ to 2 large soft prunes, 6 tablespoons castor sugar, whites of 6 eggs. Method: Soak prunes for 24 hours or if not do so, cook in sufficient water to just cover them, until tender. Drain away the liquor, stone the prunes, and beat or mash them to pulp. Beat whites of eggs very stiffly, add sugar and beat well, then add the prune pulp and beat in well. Pour into a greased glass pie-dish, and stand in a dish of water. Bake about 20 minutes, in a moderate oven. Serve immediately, taken from the oven, with a custard made from the yolks of eggs.

## Can you make a RISOTTO?

RICE pudding and ordinary boiled rice with curry usually exhaust the average cook's repertory with rice.

Returned Anglo-Indians are often adepts with a pilaff (or pilau, or pilaw: it depends upon your nationality how you spell it), but although we always welcome a risotto when we meet it at a restaurant, very few realise how easy it is to make one at home.

A light dish eminently suitable for a summer luncheon when the day is not too hot. It makes an admirable vegetable dish, too, when potatoes sometimes get a little dull; and it can be used quite by itself as an entree, or as an accompaniment to meat dishes, such as veal, lamb or mutton cutlets, sausages, and so on.

It can also be made into a more substantial dish by the addition of mushrooms, ham, tongue and so on.

It must be remembered that the rice for a risotto must in every case first be fried, and it should not first be washed, or the frying will be difficult.

Onion also always accompanies a risotto, and as a general rule white stock is used for cooking it. The stock made from a carcass of a roast chicken is excellent; otherwise a few scraps of veal and veal bones can be bought quite cheaply from the butcher.



Ambrose Heath gives full directions

## To-day's Menu

BISMARCK HERRINGS

FRIED STEAK with young vegetables

SUMMER PUDDING

YOU can either prepare Bismarck Herrings at home or buy them ready made.

Surround the fried steak when it is dished with different kinds of vegetables in little heaps: for example, baby carrots and turnips, tiny new potatoes, green peas, broad beans or cauliflower-trees.

Make the Summer Pudding with stale cake instead of bread if you can; it is so much nicer.

and as soon as it boils put on the lid of the pan (or cover the frying-pan with a plate) and put it into a slow oven, or at the entrance to a hotter one, so that the stock is kept just simmering.

Or you could leave the pan, still covered, on the top of the stove, making sure that there is only a gentle heat by putting an asbestos mat under it. After seventeen minutes or so the rice should be done and the stock all absorbed. Now season with salt and pepper and add the grated cheese. Cook on very slowly, stirring all the time, for two or three minutes, add the chopped mushrooms which you have tossed in a little butter and serve with more grated cheese handed.

THE unconventional will see in this dish an opportunity for adding many different garnishes: prawns, lobster and crab, for example, but this is more in the nature of a pilaff than a risotto. But the principal things to remember are to see that the rice is cooked in stock (which is all absorbed by it in the cooking and so flavours it) that the rice is separate and not a soggy mass, and that the risotto is well and rather highly seasoned.

It is a good dish and often a novel one for one's friends who have long passed the rice pudding stage. Try it on one next time she calls. It doesn't take long to make and you can't go wrong.

Or, if you prefer, add half a wine-glassful of sherry or marsala after

NOW here is a simple risotto. The ingredients are: Five or six ounces of Carolina rice; two ounces of butter; a medium-sized onion finely chopped; a quart of white stock; three or four chopped mushrooms (which could be omitted) and about an ounce of grated cheese, Parmesan being the best.

Melt the butter in a frying-pan or saucepan, add the onion and let it fry until golden but not at all browned. Then add the rice and keep stirring with a wooden spoon for a couple of minutes, when the rice should have become a sort of dead milky-white, but not browned at all.

Now add a quart of the stock, boiling, let it come gently to the boil,

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## There Should Be A Pun In This Photograph About Wanting To Get Into "Gripps"



Here is Vera Love and her ten Follies—eleven American girls who arrived in the Colony yesterday under contract with the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. They are eleven reasons why the bookings at the Hongkong Hotel for the festive season are the highest on record.

## Widows Lead the Way MORE CHANCES OF MARRIAGE

Widows between the age of 35 and 55 have more chance of marriage than spinsters of the same age, and a bigger proportion of widowers marry between the ages of 25 and 55 than bachelors.

These are among the facts revealed in the official commentary of the Registrar-General in his statistical review for 1934 published by the Stationery Office (3s. 6d.).

Other striking facts are:

Fewer men under the age of 21 married in 1934 than for many years past.

The number of divorces—1,287—was higher than in any previous year, and the number of divorced persons who remarried—5,545—was also a record.

The birth-rate of 14.5 per 1,000 population is lower than that of any other countries except Austria and Sweden.

The average age of the population has increased from 29.9 years in the case of men in 1921 to 32.4 years in 1934 and for women from 31.2 to 34.2 years.

**SUMMER BABIES LUCKIER**  
Summer born babies have a greater chance of survival than those born in winter.

"There is," says the report, "a considerable disadvantage in survival at the end of the second year for children born in the winter months compared with those born at other seasons."

Despite the fact that each group of children has, by the end of two years from birth, been twice exposed to a complete round of the seasons, out of each 1,000 children born in four winters an average of 89 died within two years, whereas out of each 1,000 born in summer only 75 died.

During the first year of life the mortality rate of winter-born babies is 14 per cent. in excess of summer-born, and in the second year it is 42 per cent.

**MOTHERS' DEATH-RATE**

The rate of mortality for mothers during 1930-32 was for all married women 4.13 per 1,000 live births. For those classes comprising wives of men in professions and allied occupations the rate was 4.44; for the wives of those defined as skilled and semi-

skilled workers it was about the average, while for the wives of unskilled workers it was 3.89. The standardised rate of combined mortality from angina pectoris and degenerative diseases of the heart and arteries has risen continually during the last 15 years.

It is thought to be caused by the attaining to ages of 50-65 of a population of men, not only inferior in average physique owing to elimination of the fittest during 1914-18, but one which was subjected during those years to abnormal stress.

## WALT DISNEY TAKING TWO YEARS TO MAKE HIS BIGGEST PICTURE

Mr. Walt Disney, creator of Mickey Mouse and the Silly Symphonies, has now been engaged for a year on the biggest picture of his career and will take another year to complete.

It is "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," his first feature film.

Mr. George Kamen, Mr. Disney's European representative, who has just returned to London from Hollywood, says:

"Mr. Disney has promised that 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' will be finished by September or October, 1937."

"I heard most of the music in Mr. Disney's office. A loud speaker was connected to the sound stage of the studio."

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"The picture should be the biggest revolution in film technique since talkies began."

"There will be close on 200,000 drawings. None of the characters is human—they are all cartoon."

"It is possible that Mr. Disney will come to London for the opening."

## Oliver Hardy To Pay Wife £200 A Month

Los Angeles, Dec. 8. OLIVER HARDY, "fat one" of film comedians Laurel and Hardy, was to-day ordered to pay his wife £200 a month alimony pending hearing of her suit against him for £50 a month maintenance.

Hardy pleaded that his wife was worth £20,000 in her own name; admitted he looked her out of her home last June.

When Mrs. Hardy filed her suit she said her husband was too fond of liquor, gambling, and other women, and treated her in real life as badly as he treated Laurel on the screen.

## "Take Wife To Cinema" Orders Court

A Brooklyn, New York, magistrate, Mr. Sabbatino, imposed a humorously practical sentence on a man whose wife complained that she was treated badly, and that her husband never took her out to places of amusement.

It was Mrs. Rubenstein who made the complaint, and the sentence on her husband, Samuel, was that he should take his wife to the cinema on December 2 and hold her hand throughout the performance.

If Mr. and Mrs. Rubenstein were not reconciled by this the wife was ordered to go and see the magistrate again on Dec. 3.

This little domestic affair in Brooklyn has inspired a London reporter to tell the story as follows, with apologies to Stanley Holloway, broadcaster of Marriot Edgar's famous Lancashire dialect monologue concerning "old Sam."

The Rubensteins, dwelling in Brooklyn, lived a life that was nowt but a sham.

So the wife took her troubles to court-house, and complained of her husband, named Sam.

She pleaded a case of maltreatment, "Cos he never would treat her at all; Not to smokes, not to drinks, nor new dresses."

**SHIP COMES IN AS PRISONER'S GIFT TO JUDGE**

Herkimer, N.Y., Dec. 1. County Judge Frank H. Shill's ship came in via Allica prison.

An inmate, appreciating assignment to prison work fitting his labours, made a model of a ship almost entirely of pieces of burned matches, glued together.

The ship was presented to the jurist. The design is that of a sailing vessel of three masts, with portholes for cannon, common in pre-revolutionary days. Alop the mainmast is a crow's nest for the lookout.

The sails are made of lining torn from old shoes. The portholes are made of shoe cyelets. Thread is used for the rope and rigging.—United Press.

## Boy Who 'Got No Letters' Is Birched

Weymouth, Dec. 5. SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GEORGE ALEXANDER WESTERN, who "never got letters like other boys," wept at a court-martial in the naval depot ship *Titanica* to-day.

A pitiable story was told of his discovery that the mother he had never known was in a mental hospital.

The youth has the rank of "Boy" in the battleship *Nelson*, flagship of the Home Fleet at Portland.

*Simple, Childlike*

The *Nelson's* chaplain, the Rev. D. Blunt, said he had come to the Navy from school, and when he joined had asked that inquiries should be made to see if his mother was alive.

"I learned," said the chaplain, "that his mother and brother were in mental homes, and that his sister was at a training home for mental defectives. But I did not tell him, because it would have had a bad effect. I thought, on such a simple, childlike person."

"Then he heard from his sister, and he told me he wanted to go to his mother. The boy was very thrilled to learn that he had a mother, but when he returned I noticed a dreadful disillusionment in him. It must have been a terrible shock to find that his mother was in a mental hospital."

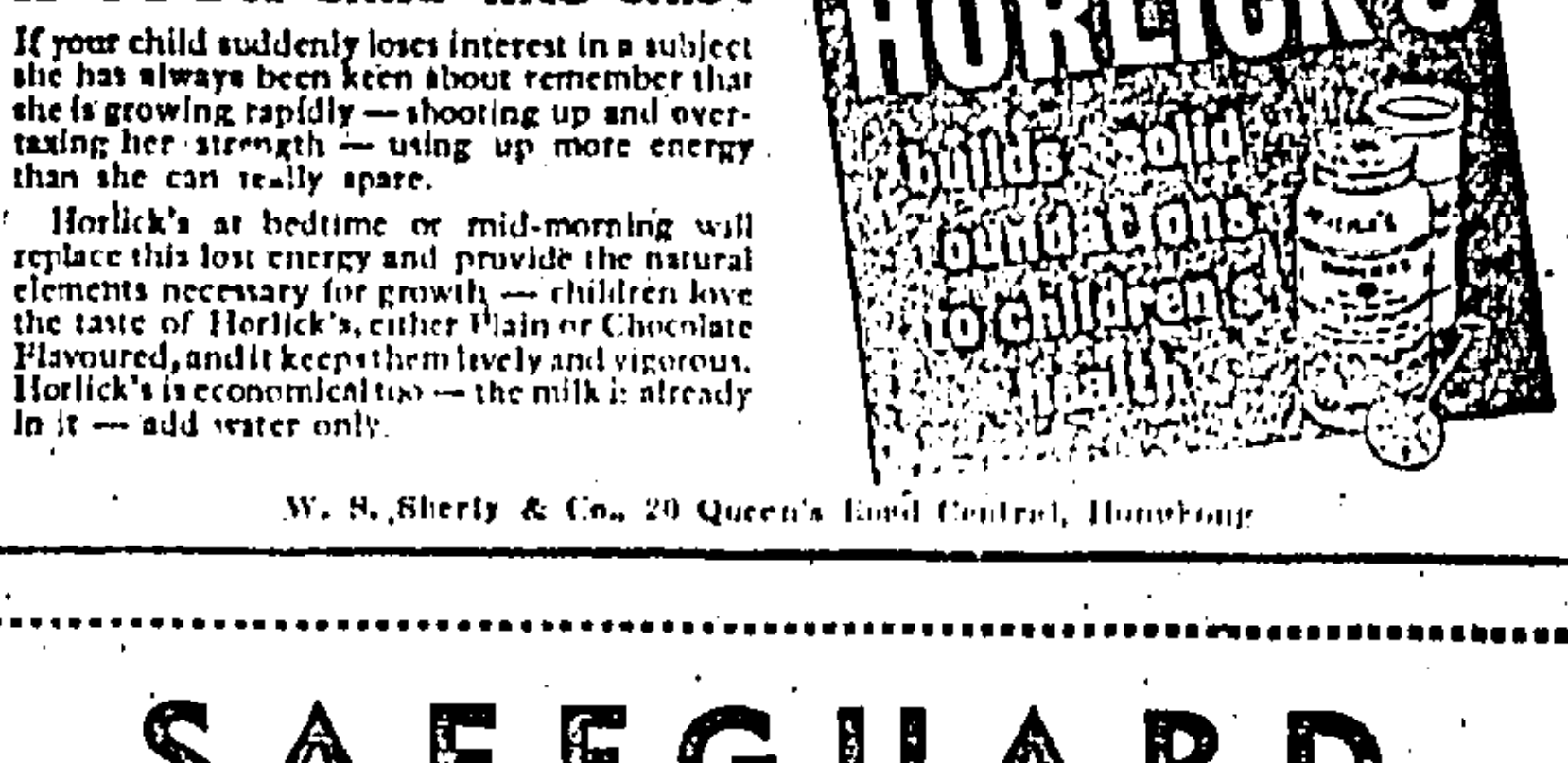
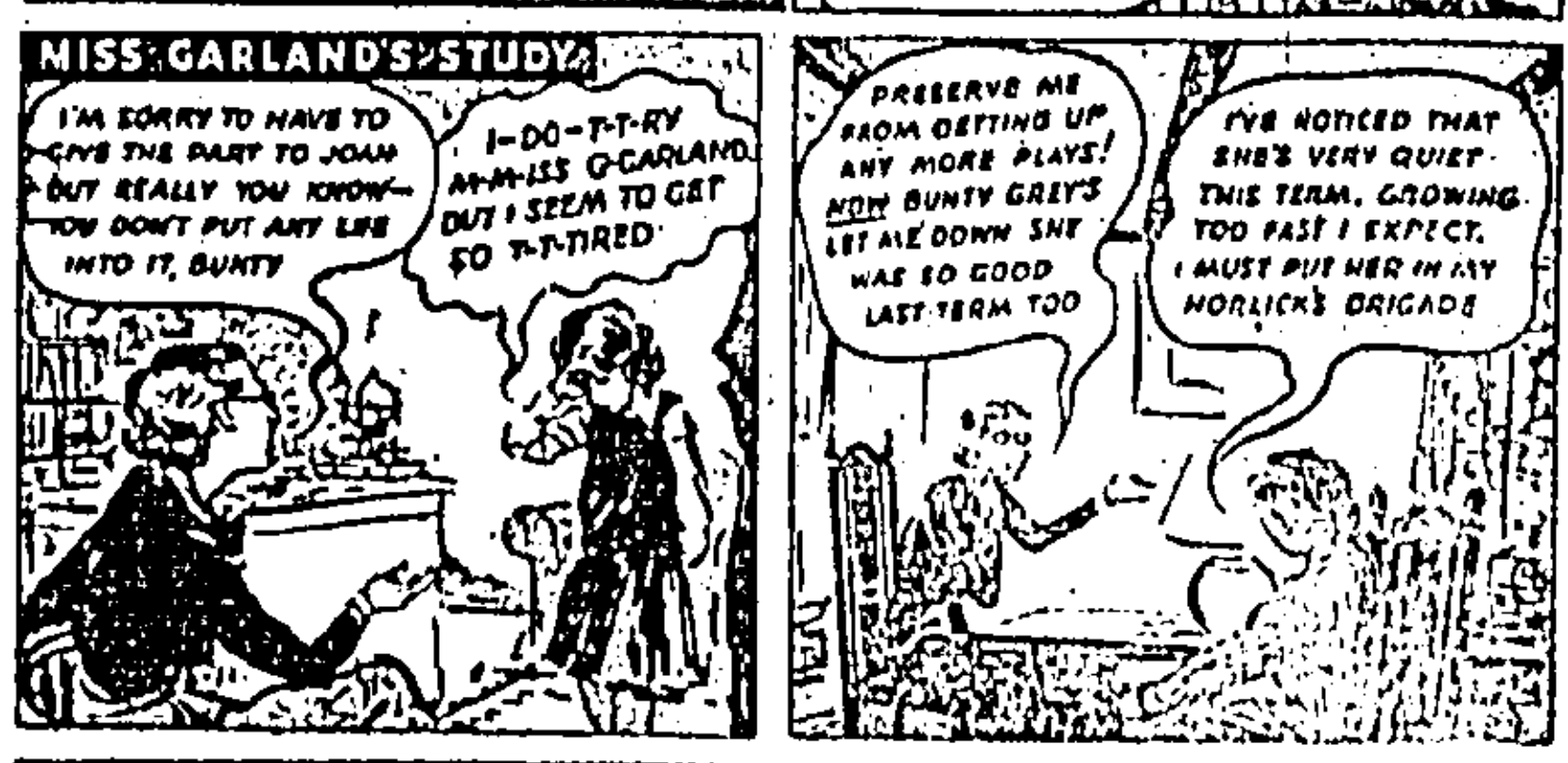
*"Laughed At Me"*

"From that day I noticed a deterioration in his character. He did not care what became of him."

Western, his voice broken with tears, told the naval officers sitting on the court: "People have always laughed at me because of my smallness, and at times I found myself not caring what I did. I never got any letters like other boys, and I seem to have no one to think of."

He was found guilty with another boy of a serious offence on board the ship. Both were ordered 12 strokes of the birch.

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## Cancer Diagnosed In Error Man Who Would Have Had Right To Die

A wrong diagnosis and the proposed "right to die" were discussed at an inquest at Blackburn recently on John Shackleton, aged 55, an iron moulder, of Hodder-street, Blackburn, who died suddenly on Tuesday.

Mrs. Shackleton said that her husband had been in poor health since leaving the Army 10 years ago. In 1921, when in hospital, it was decided that he had a cancer which could not be operated upon.

Dr. Bailey, who conducted a post-mortem examination, attributed death to double-septic pneumonia, and said that there was no cancer and never had been.

He said that there had been a lot of discussion in the Press recently on the subject of euthanasia and the suggested right of incurables to be painlessly put to death. If the suggestion had been legalised, Shackleton, in whom cancer had been diagnosed, would have been one of those who would have had the right to die.

The Coroner (Mr. T. R. Thompson) said that it was absolutely ridiculous to talk of the right to die. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

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### SHARE PRICES

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H. K. Banks (Lon. Reg.),	
£108½ n.	
Chartered Bank, £16½ n.	
Mercantile Bank, A. and B.	
£12¼ n.	
Mercantile Bank, C., £14½ n.	
East Asia Bank, \$85 n.	
Insurance.	
Canton Ins., \$300 n.	
Union Ins., \$612½ b.	
China Underwriters, \$1.00 n.	
H. K. Fire, Ins., \$305 n.	
Internat'l Assoc., Sh. \$3¼ n.	
Shipping.	
Douglas, \$30 n.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$7.40 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Prof.), \$35 n.	
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$35 n.	
Shell (Bearer), 124¼ n.	
Union Waterboats, \$10½ n.	
Docks etc.	
H. K. Wharves (old), \$106½ n.	
H. K. & W. Docks, \$13½ n.	
Providents (old), \$1.50 n.	
Providents (new), 20 cts. n.	
Now Engineering, Sh. \$4 n.	
Shanghai Docks, Sh. \$90 b.	
Mining	
Kaifan Mining Ad., 14/6 n.	
Raub, \$13.10 b.	
Venz: Goldfield \$8 b.	
Philippine Mining	
Antamok, P. 3.25	
Atok, P. 36	
Baguio Gold, P. 21½	
Palatoc Min., P. 14½	
Benguet Consols, P. 13½	
Benguet Exptl. P. 14	
Big Wedge, P. 27	
Consolidated Mines, P. .03	
Demonstrations, \$1.06 sa.	
Ipo Gold, P. 22	
I. X. L., P. 1.30	
Ilogons, P. 1.20	
Maabate Cons., P. 36	
Northern Min. P. 13	
Paracale Gumaus, P. 45½	
Salacot Min. P. .05	
San Mauricio, P. 2.10	
Suyoc Consols, P. 34½	
United Paracale, P. 1.05	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, 55½ b.	
H. K. Lands, \$35 sa.	
H. K. Lands, 4% Deben.	
\$105 n.	
S'hai Lands, Sh. \$13 n.	
Metropolitan Lands, Sh. \$10 n.	
Humphries, \$9½ n.	
H. K. Realities, \$4.90 n.	
Chinese Estates, \$78 n.	
China Realities, Sh. \$4 n.	
China Debentures Sh. \$60 n.	
Public Utilities.	
H. K. Tramways, \$12.15 sa.	
Peak Trams, (old), \$6¼ n.	
Peak Trams, (new), \$2¼ n.	
Star Ferries, (old), \$93 b.	
Yau-mai Ferries (old), \$25 n.	
China Lights, \$12.70 b.	
China Lights, (new), \$10¼ n.	
H. K. Electric, \$54 sa.	
Macao Electric, \$20 n.	
Sandakan Lights, \$10 b.	
Telephone (old), \$28.15 n.	
Telephone (new), \$10 n.	
China Buses, Sh. \$11¼ n.	
Singapore Tractors, 27/- n.	
Singapore Prof., 27/- n.	
Industrials.	
Cald: Macg. (old), Sh. \$19¼ n.	
Cald: Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$15 n.	
Canton Ices \$2.20 n.	
Cement, \$11 n.	
H. K. Ropes, \$2.50 n.	
Stores, &c.	
Dairy Farm, \$20 sa.	
Watson, \$4.85 n.	
Lane Crawfords, \$6¾ n.	
Sinceres, \$3 n.	
Wing On (H.K.), \$50 n.	
Cotton Mills.	
Ewo Cottons, Sh. \$13.70 n.	
S'hai Cottons, (old), Sh. \$85 n.	
S'hai Cottons, (new), Sh. \$60 n.	
Zhong Sins, \$26 n.	
Wing-On Textiles, Sh. \$36 n.	
Miscellaneous.	
H. K. Entertainments, \$3 n.	

### France Can't Pay U.S. Now BUT IS READY TO NEGOTIATE

Paris, Dec. 15. The French Government has sent a note to the United States intimating that France is unable to pay the instalment due on her War Debt, due at the beginning of 1937.

However, the note says that negotiations might be resumed shortly regarding future payments. — Reuter Bulletin Service.

### SPECIAL AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 15. M. Georges Bonnet, former Finance Minister, has unofficially accepted M. Leon Blum's invitation to act as a special Ambassador at Washington for six months, in order to negotiate for the resumption of War Debt payments. It is planned to begin discussions in this matter with the United States in January.

M. Bonnet's acceptance followed soundings of Parliament which disclosed that much former hostility to the renewal of payments had disappeared. — United Press.

### EXCHANGE

Selling	
T.T. Demand	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	102
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	30 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	31 1/2
T.T. Manila	60
T.T. Batavia	55 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	64 1/2
T.T. France	64 1/2
T.T. Germany	74 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	13 1/4
T.T. Australia	17 1/4
T.T. Lisbon	65 1/2

### MANILA SHARES

The following quotations have been received by Swan, Culbertson and Fritz from their Manila office after the close of the morning session:

Prices in Pesos	
Buyers	Sellers
Antamok	3.25
Atok	36
Baguio Gold	21
Benguet Consolidated	13.50
Benguet Exploration	14
Big Wedge	26
Coco Grove	63
Consolidated Mines	32.75
Dayaka	24
Demonstration	65
East Mindanao	28
Gold Creek	20
Ilogon	1.20
I. X. L.	1.30
Marsman & Co.	105.00
Minabato	36
Mineral Resources	33
Mother Lode	12
Paracale Gold	23
Paracale Gumaus	45
San Mauricio	2.10
Suyoc	34
United Paracale	1.05
Universal Exploration	21
Market—Steady.	

Constructions (old), \$1¼ n.	
Constructions (new), 42½ cts. n.	
Vibro Piling, \$5.60 sa.	
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 GSBds.	
93¼ n.	
H. K. Govt. 4% Loan 8% prm.	
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H. K. Govt. 3½% Loan 3% prm.	
b.	
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.	

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**"THERE ISN'T TIME.."**

(Continued from Page 6.)

twenty minutes here. You do the inside and I'll do the outside." And in this modern time-saving manner they "did" a building in which an old-fashioned tourist would have spent half the day.

Those Americans, who had reduced time-saving to such a fine art, were typical of their generation. By not wasting a minute anywhere they were probably able to see our country in two weeks, all Europe in two months, and the whole world in less than a year. And by the end of that time they would know less about the world than they could have learnt by sitting quietly at home and reading Stevenson and a few other writers for whom the present generation has "no time."

### The Miser's Hoard

Seeing a show-place in twenty minutes, reading a headline instead of an article and an article instead of book, using a train instead of a coach, a car instead of train, and an aeroplane instead of a car—these are the means by which we add to the amount of time at our disposal. And most of the time saved is promptly lost again.

The old misers used to live in squalor in order that they might save every possible penny. But as they never spent their money it was of no use to them and they might as well not have saved it. We live at break-neck speed in order that we may save every possible minute. And we never stop to think that if we do not make wise use of the time thus saved it is no more use to us than gold was to the misers.

What is the good of reducing the time taken over a journey unless we can make some profitable use of the time we save? And where is the sense of saying, "There isn't time for it in these days?" If there isn't time for a thing in these days, when was there ever time for it?

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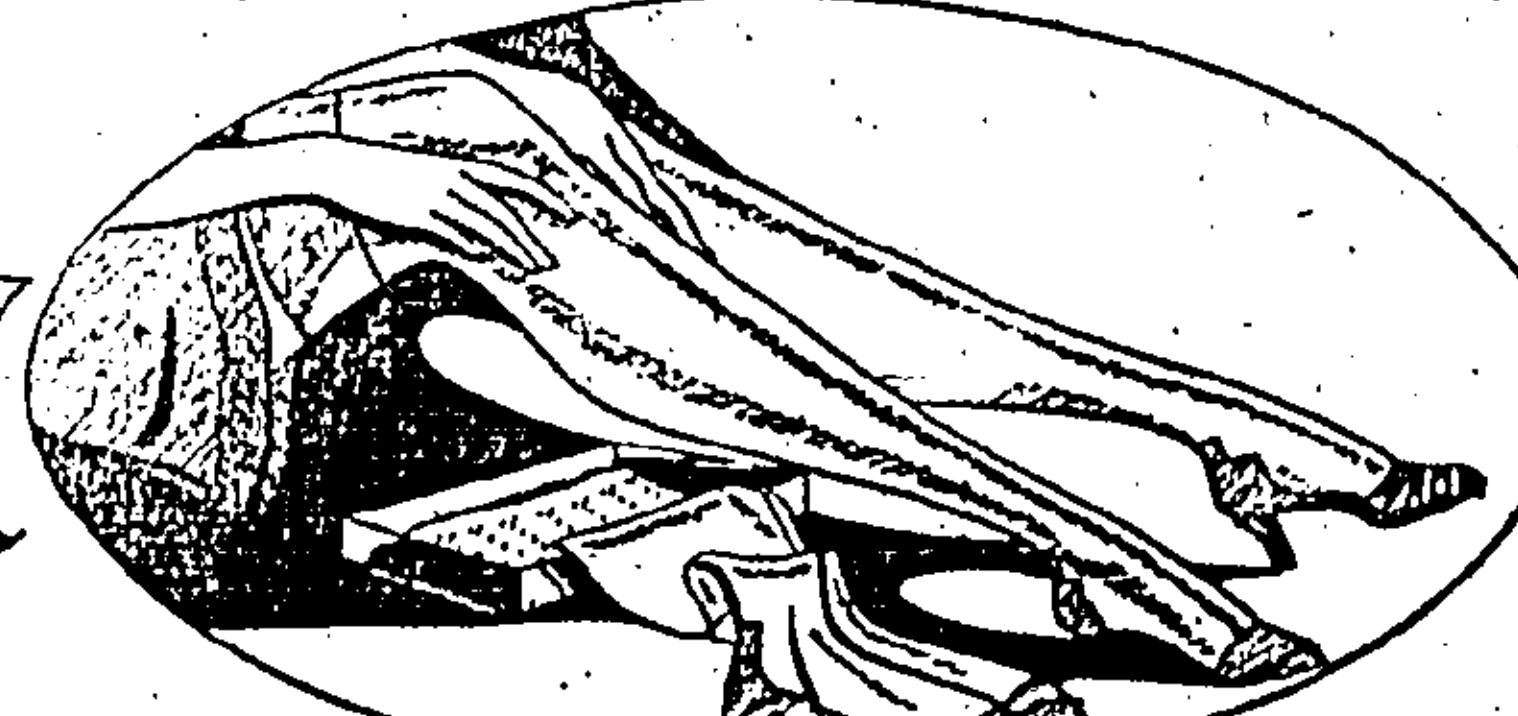

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## DEATH

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Hospital, at 2.15 a.m. on Decem-  
ber 16, 1936, Consuelo Margarida  
Garcia, aged 28 years. Funeral  
will pass the Monument at 5.15  
p.m. to-day.

The  
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1936

COLONY'S POVERTY  
PROBLEM

The magnitude of the task  
confronting charitable organisa-  
tions in helping to relieve the  
lot of the poor and needy is  
strikingly illustrated in the  
annual report of the Society for  
the Protection of Children, the  
main features of which we pub-  
lished yesterday. The record  
for the past year shows that the  
Society dealt with far more  
cases than ever before in its his-  
tory.

Indicative of the value  
placed upon its work is the fact  
that during the year there were  
over 30,000 calls made at the  
Society's branches, whilst more  
than 3,000 visits to the homes  
of the poor were made by in-  
spectors. It is impossible, by  
mere figures, to give any real  
impression of the deadweight of  
poverty which the Society's  
workers encounter, but some  
idea of how the poor subsist can  
be gathered from the fact that  
the average income per head per  
month of cases dealt with last  
year was \$1.73. This figure  
would be even more startling  
still if the record were confined  
to those actually assisted, as  
there are numbers of cases in  
which relatively well-to-do  
mothers call at the branches for  
advice. Actually, there were  
over 300 cases in which the  
families had no income at all.  
It is impossible within the con-  
fines of a brief article to touch  
on many aspects of the Society's  
work, which have a counterpart  
in that of other similar bodies.  
But there are two facts which  
deserve emphasis. The first is  
that there is no home for crippled  
children in Hongkong, and  
none for blind boys. Even for  
the treatment of children's com-  
plaints generally, the normal  
hospital accommodation in the  
Colony is totally inadequate.  
In such circumstances, there is  
no resisting the conclusion  
drawn that many children are  
compelled to place their only  
hope of survival in begging,  
either independently or for those  
who exploit them. The situa-  
tion is one which cannot be  
viewed with complacency. A  
new difficulty is now being en-  
countered by the decision to  
restrict hawkers' licences, hith-  
erto a medium through which  
charitable bodies could find work  
for the deserving. The inevit-  
able result is to increase the  
calls on these organisations. It  
is to be admitted that the estab-  
lishment of a system of poor  
law relief would be a tremen-  
dous undertaking, but, in view  
of the resolve to reduce hawking  
to the eventual point of elimina-  
tion, the authorities might well

● His Excellency the Governor has  
suggested that the clock should be  
advanced half-an-hour in Hongkong,  
as a "daylight saving" measure. A  
contributor presents, in this article,  
some of the difficulties which would  
be encountered.

"TIME" is the "measurable aspect of duration" and to  
primitive peoples was most effectively demonst-  
rated by the rising and setting of the sun, and the phases of  
the moon; to this day Calendars on the basis of the lunar  
month are in use among the nations of the world.

The day is, however, the fundamental unit in all  
systems of timekeeping and is the period during which  
the earth rotates once upon its axis. The "Julian" date,  
which is used in some astronomical calculations is  
expressed in this unit exclusively and is the number of  
days from 4713 B.C., January 1st.

HAVING postulated the im-  
portance of the day as the  
unit of time-keeping, considera-  
tion must be given to the  
manner in which it is employed  
throughout the world. A revolu-  
tion of the earth upon its axis  
is marked by successive periods  
of light and darkness in any  
particular place, and if the sur-  
face of the earth as a whole is  
considered, it follows that  
simultaneously one half is in  
darkness and the other is  
illuminated.

The majority of mankind toils  
during the bright hours and  
sleeps during the hours of dark-  
ness, and in consequence it has  
become customary to regulate  
waking actions by the sun, or  
in what is known as local time.

Although local time neces-  
sarily varies to the extent of 24  
hours in a journey round the  
world, no exception can be taken  
to its use by an isolated com-  
munity, but with the establish-  
ment of communications over  
large distances, by ships, rail-  
way trains and aircraft, uni-  
formity of time over consid-  
erable areas is essential to smooth  
working of transport and the  
facilitation of commerce.

In the various almanacs will  
be found the means by which  
this has been accomplished, i.e.,  
by dividing the circumference  
of the earth into 24 equal parts  
and employing the same time  
throughout the zone thus de-  
marcated. Each zone is a de-  
finite number of hours in  
advance of, or behind Greenwich  
time.

The extent of a zone is such  
that places on the eastern edge  
lost half an afternoon daylight  
and gain half an hour in the  
morning. At the western ex-  
tremity the opposite conditions  
prevail, and only in the centre  
of the zone does standard time  
correspond with the local mean  
time.

HONGKONG is situated near  
the western extremity of  
the zone in which the time of  
the 120th meridian is adopted,  
and in consequence has perma-  
nently advanced the clock by  
approximately 23 minutes.

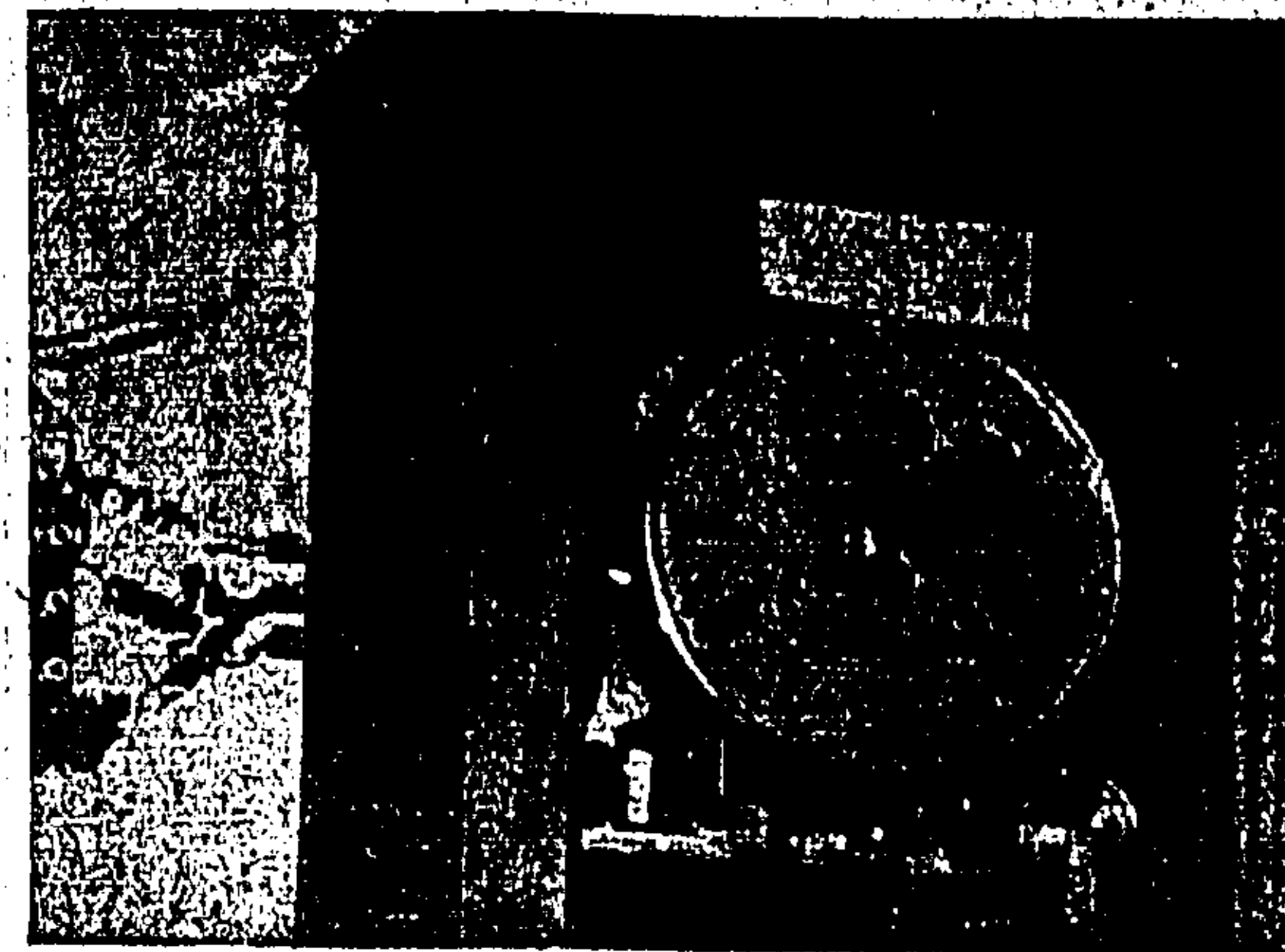
The time used is actually 8  
hours in advance of Greenwich  
Mean Time and it must here be  
noted that Greenwich Mean  
Time is standard time of refer-  
ence for the world, is extensive-  
ly quoted in a multitude of  
official notices, and is so much  
in evidence nowadays that it is  
a great convenience to remem-  
ber that the time in a district  
differs from Greenwich Mean  
Time by a definite number of  
hours.

The proposal now before the  
Hongkong community is that  
the clock should be permanently  
advanced half an hour in order  
that additional daylight should  
be available for sport.

The term "daylight saving"  
is a misnomer, as any system  
of time-keeping which gives  
extra in the evening curtails  
the daylight of the morning.

It is impossible to "save"  
daylight. It is true that it can

consider the possibility of in-  
stituting a modified form of that  
system, with a panel of repre-  
sentatives of charitable bodies  
assisting in an advisory capac-  
ity, something along the lines  
of the duties formerly dis-  
charged by Boards of Guardians  
at Home. The Government has  
its responsibilities in this mat-  
ter of social service, and these  
are not fully discharged by the  
method of making grants to so-  
cieties. The whole issue is one  
which deserves investigation by  
a commission appointed for the  
purpose.



This Mean Time Clock at the Royal Observatory keeps  
correct time for the Colony of Hongkong.

# Are we too primitive for daylight saving?

be more extensively utilised, but  
there is only one way to ac-  
complish it and that is by com-  
mencing work or play earlier.

To return to the case of the  
isolated community; there is no  
reason why such a community  
should not be a law unto itself  
in matters of time-keeping, but  
a community having commercial  
relations with its neighbours  
would be wise to synchronise  
its working hours with them.  
If it does not, either by means  
of altering the clock face or by  
utilising different working  
hours, some commercial dis-  
location is inevitable. The  
Colony is struggling to emerge  
from a depression, and those to  
whom the struggle is of greatest  
moment will probably be loth to  
see the community placed at the  
smallest disadvantage with its  
neighbours.

THE avowed object of the pro-  
posed change is sport—a  
term which comprises amuse-  
ment, pastimes, games, etc., but  
in the consideration of this  
question, it may be taken to  
denote those games necessitat-  
ing daylight for their successful  
prosecution, examples of which  
are bowls, cricket, football, golf,  
hockey and lawn tennis. Bowls  
is usually indulged in during  
the summer months when more  
time is available. It is im-  
possible to play a cricket match  
after 5 p.m., hockey and foot-  
ball matches require an hour  
and ten minutes to an hour and  
a half and nine holes of golf  
need one hour at least. A set of  
lawn tennis will occupy a period

varying with a number of cir-  
cumstances.

The majority of strenuous  
games are played between Octo-  
ber 1 and March 31, during  
which period the time of sunset  
varies from 5.38 p.m. to 6.17  
p.m.

This gives the conscientious  
worker an average of 58 minutes  
during the winter and an addi-  
tion of 30 minutes would still  
be inadequate when the time  
taken up in travel from office to  
playing field and the usual  
changing of attire is taken into  
consideration. It would there-  
fore appear that half an hour  
is insufficient for the purpose  
and the discussion of any period  
less than one hour is rather  
trifling with the question.

Before leaving the subject of  
sport, special reference must be  
made to the playing of golf at  
Fanling. It is quite impossible  
to play there on week-days  
without encroaching upon work-  
ing hours, while upon Sunday,  
the time available for play rests  
upon the player himself. The  
first train leaves Kowloon before  
7 a.m. and there is nothing to  
deter ardent players from  
utilising it; in fact older mem-  
bers of the Golf Club must have  
pleasant recollections of days  
spent at Fanling in congenial  
company under these conditions.  
Week-end golf at Fanling de-  
pends upon transport, and no  
amount of meddling with clocks  
will alter the fact that the  
courses are available between  
dawn and dusk to any who  
have convenient means of  
utilising them.

If every avail-  
able field and  
tennis court is  
fully occupied  
with players for  
a sufficient time  
each evening,  
what proportion  
of the popula-  
tion would be  
thus represent-  
ed? Would it  
be as large as  
that which  
would be com-  
pelled to arise in  
the darkness of  
the new early  
morning to ad-  
minister to the  
comfort and well being of the  
whole population?

THE proposal has been  
analysed in as general terms  
as possible, and the suggestions  
which emerge are that an  
alteration of clocks or office  
hours would not conduce to the  
better conduct of business and  
that the comfort of the many  
might be a secondary considera-  
tion to the recreation of the  
few. Primitive man instinctively  
works by the sun, and it is  
inconceivable that a large num-  
ber of this Colony's inhabitants  
remain primitive in essentials.

Leaving all such considera-  
tions aside, everyone would wel-  
come more daylight in winter  
evenings. It is for the com-  
munity to decide to what extent  
the consequent disadvantages  
are to be tolerated. It is not  
proposed to discuss those dis-  
advantages in detail; they are  
many, but are not all of general  
application. It may, however,  
be advisable to consider an  
extremely unlikely possibility  
and compare it with the pro-  
posal now before the public.  
Suppose London decided to use  
a time different from the rest  
of the United Kingdom.

The aspirations of the Colony  
to importance as an airport  
should promote many "second  
thoughts" before Hongkong  
plunges into a parallel experi-  
ment. Surely "daylight saving"  
should be reserved for countries  
(even small ones) and not in-  
dulged in by solitary towns.

## "THERE ISN'T TIME...!"

"THERE isn't time for it in these  
days." Have you ever realised  
the absurdity of those oft-repeated  
words? I did not realise it until I  
heard them spoken in an aeroplane  
travelling at 200 miles an hour.

The speaker on that occasion was  
a business man who makes great use  
of aeroplanes. He had been telling  
me exactly how many hours a week  
he saved through travelling by air,  
and from that he went on to discuss  
the progress made in methods of  
travel during the last hundred years.  
When he said something about the  
old stage-coaches I happened to  
mention Charles Dickens.

"Dickens," said my time-saving  
companion, "I haven't read any of  
his stuff since I left school. It's too  
long-winded; there isn't time for it  
in these days."

He did not notice that he was  
uttering an absurdity. After boast-  
ing that he was saving three hours  
on a two-hundred mile journey he  
had confessed that he had no time  
to read books for which his grand-  
fathers had plenty of time. He  
saw nothing strange in the fact that,  
with every modern means of travel  
at his disposal, he still had less  
leisure than the slow-moving Vic-  
torians.

## The Price We Pay For Speed

to save time we have all forgotten  
how to spend it.

We fly, we drive fast cars, we  
telephone and cable, we broadcast,  
we have newspapers printed in such  
a way that the news can be gleaned  
from the headlines in a few moments,  
we have quick-lunch counters, we  
listen-in to operas and plays and  
sporting events instead of going to  
see them, we read "Outlines" which  
condense the knowledge of the ages  
into a few chapters, we have a  
hundred thousand devices all un-  
known a century ago and all devoted  
to the same purpose—the purpose  
of saving time. And the more time  
we save the less time we have in  
which to do anything worth-while.  
Few of us have time to read any-  
thing but the lightest and shortest  
of novels; anything else is, as my  
time-saving friend said of Dickens,  
too long-winded. We have no time  
to read the newspapers; we just skim  
through the headlines and the one  
or two columns that attract our  
attention.

We have no time to master the  
piano or the violin; we have to get  
our music ready-made from the  
wireless set or the gramophone. And  
in this way we get so much music  
that we cannot understand any of it.

## Ready-Made

The Victorian drawingroom pianist  
may have played badly on occa-  
sions, but she at least knew what she  
was playing. The modern possessor  
of a radiogram, hearing the pick of  
the world's music every day of his  
life, has "no time" to study it or try  
to understand it.

We have "no time" to study any-  
thing for ourselves. We get our  
opinions from the leading article  
in our daily paper, and since we  
have "no time" to read a long  
reasoned article, this leader generally  
consists of a few dogmatic sentences  
which we can read quickly, memorise  
easily, and repeat thoughtlessly.

We have to do everything in a  
hurry. We eat in a hurry, travel in  
a hurry, work in a hurry, and amuse  
ourselves in a hurry. And the hur-  
ried eating destroys our digestion,  
the hurried travel wears us out with-  
out giving us any compensating ben-  
efits, and the hurriedly taken amuse-  
ments bore us so much that we are  
always rushing on to others even  
more hurried and more boring still.

In short, we are so obsessed with  
the idea of Speed that we spend all  
our time rushing about, without  
knowing in the least where we are  
rushing to or why we are rushing to  
it.

I once heard of two Americans  
who were "seeing Britain." Arriving  
at a famous old abbey one of them  
looked at his watch and said to his  
companion, "We can only spare  
(Continued on Page 5.)"



# Fokker's "Battle Cruiser"

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By VICTOR BURNETT.

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In Paris, at the aviation exhibition every one was asking which air force the Seythe was intended for. I can answer that question. It is for the Royal Dutch Air Force which will be equipped with them first.

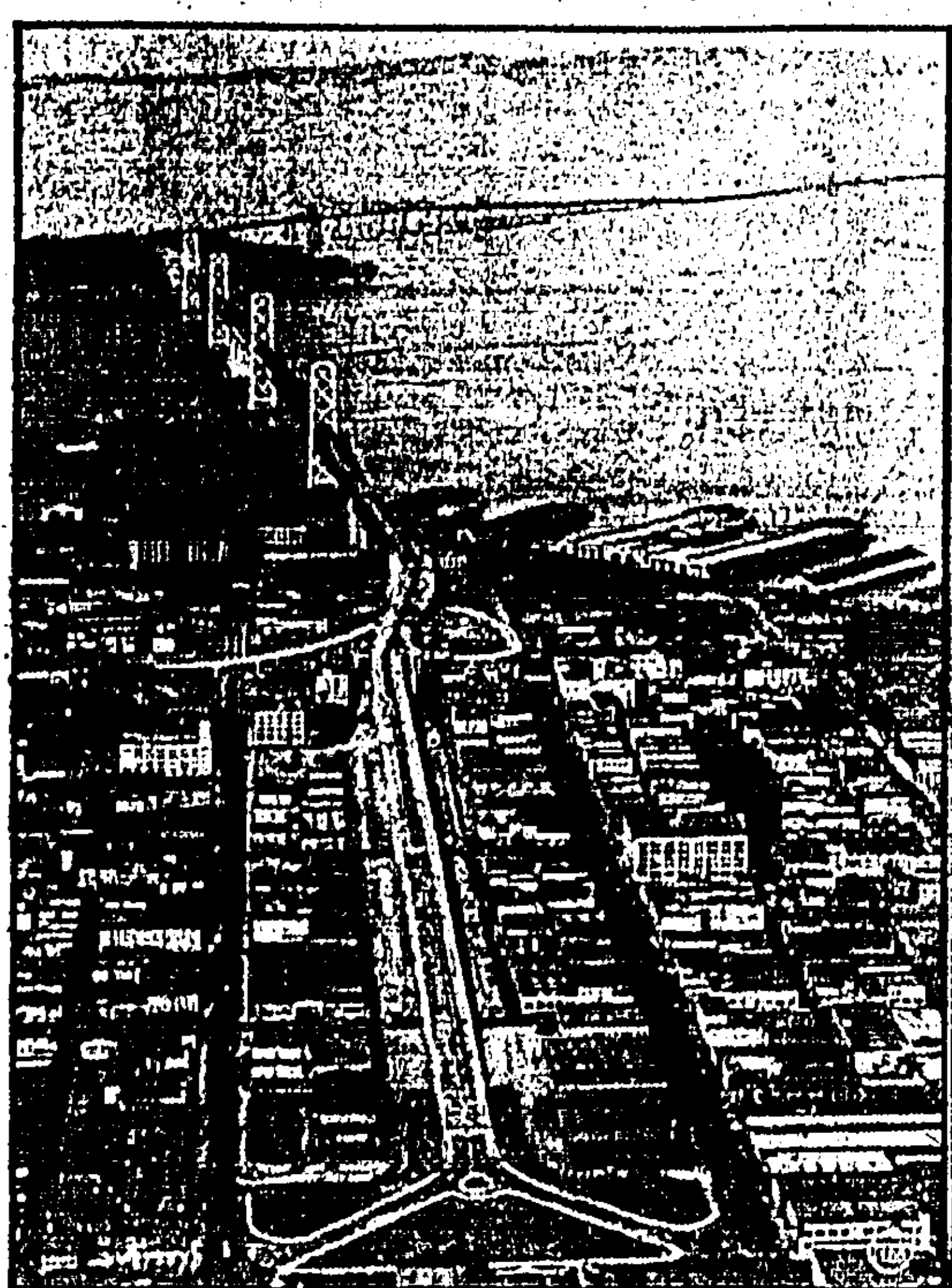
#### Correspondence

### CHURCH AND THE CROWN

Your correspondent, M. M. Thomas, admirably expresses the feelings of many of us in this Colony and elsewhere. We have been re-galed with the broadest opinion of the head of the English Church whose words many of us must have read with a feeling of nausea. Besides "Chivalry" mentioned by your correspondent, there is another sentiment which I have no doubt flourished in the Middle Ages and is known to-day as "not-hitting-a-man-when-he-is-down." In the opinion of the Archbishop, this sentiment can no doubt be forgotten when such a golden opportunity arises for bolstering up the waning influence of the Church.

Any mother will realise what it must have meant to Queen Mary and the Royal Family generally to read Archbishop's diatribe. If, instead of damning the late King in one paragraph, revealing his genuineness in the next, the Archbishop had expressed a little more sympathy for the difficult situation in which the late King found himself, one would have respected the Archbishop's convictions more. He should know better than your readers that the lot of a King of England is not an enviable one but carries with it a burden and responsibility which few would care to bear. When a highly strung and sensitive nature has to bear this burden and the most intolerable publicity that goes with it, it is to be wondered at that the burden should prove too heavy without the support which a loving wife alone can give. But then, the Archbishop is a bachelor, so perhaps that explains everything!

I hope Mr. Bernard Shaw will be given an opportunity of replying to the Archbishop on behalf of those who sympathise with "the King over the water," but the pertinence of Sir John Reith may prove too great. Oh, the pity of it! FAIR PLAY.



Here's a new air view of the 77-million-dollar San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, world's longest span, opened to traffic Nov. 2. View shows Berkeley and Oakland across the bay, the cantilever span from Oakland to Yerba Buena Island, the west portal of the double-decked tunnel through the island, and the massive tandem suspension spans from the island to the San Francisco mainland. Nearer are the routes by which traffic has been diverted. In the centre, the circle indicates the lateral approaches connecting the bridge with the Embarcadero and downtown San Francisco, extending to the bottom of photograph is the main approach viaduct terminating in the Fifth-st. plaza, with the final diversion of traffic to main arteries in San Francisco.

## NEW BOOKS CHINA IS IN THE NEWS IN LATEST RELEASES

Of books on the East, there is no end. Two which have just been published—"Gods of To-morrow: A Journey Through Asia and Australasia," by William Teeling; Lovat Dickson, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d., and "Manchukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. L. E. Malone; George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.)—will be found of compelling interest, though the former naturally covers a broader horizon than the latter.

Mr. Teeling, who will be remembered as having addressed the Hongkong Rotary Club last year, took the occasion provided by a visit to Australia in connection with the Melbourne centenary celebrations, to tour the East for the purpose of learning about British colonial methods and also how dangerous to Britain, if dangerous she were, is Japan. The book, however, goes much further than that—it gives a most entertaining account of his voyagings, and conveys the author's obvious determination to give an impartial account of all he saw and heard. For the most part, Mr. Teeling employs the method of retelling the views and opinions of the various people he met, though injecting these with reflections of his own.

Hongkong he describes as the most lovely place among the British Colonies he visited, and he adds that nowhere during his two years of travel did he find Britishers more interested in life and, on the whole, so optimistic. "There seemed, especially amongst the younger men, a tremendous interest in the future and only a great impatience at the way they were held back by the elder business men and by old-fashioned business methods from developing further into South China. There was only one criticism one could make of business in Hongkong, and that the younger men, who seemed of a far better type than the younger men of Singapore or Ceylon, are held back by their seniors, who tell them not to bother about the expense of travelling into China for orders, but rather to hang about the clubs and tennis courts of Hongkong (and presumably finally marry the daughters of their worrying wives)."

In this connection, Mr. Teeling says he found only half a dozen young men who were constantly visiting the interior of South China. "The South Chinese feel this very strongly and mentioned it to me on more than one occasion, especially the Kwangsi authorities, who pointed out that we have not even got a resident Consul in the whole of their province."

There is much more about conditions in South China generally and the lines on which Britain should operate commercially. Japan, of course, also figures largely in the book. The author thinks the European and American nations should be firm but friendly with her, but to think she can be made a friend is silly. Elsewhere the view is expressed that there is no reason in the world why countries should not make agreements with Japan, be civil to her, and give her fair play; but all the time she must be watched and never be allowed to take more than one is willing to give her. None the less, Mr. Teeling concedes that, according

to her lights, Japan is doing right in taking everything she can for her own nation when she can. Of Manchukuo, the author thinks it should be administered as a mandated territory. Bit by bit, he says, Japan is getting bored with this new baby. The Japanese have spent millions on Manchuria and are not finding it remunerative; their Army is far from conquering it and far from feeling that it is a real asset against Russia. The suggestion of people who know Japan and Manchukuo well, according to Mr. Teeling, is that one day Japan will be willing to get rid of this problem. The book is crammed with full and forceful observations, both in running comment and in the final conclusions. It bears the stamp of deep sincerity, and will be found of deep interest from cover to cover.

**JEWEL OF ASIA**  
"Manchukuo: Jewel of Asia," by D. M. B. Collier and Lieut.-Col. C. L. E. Malone (George Allen & Unwin, Ltd., London; 12s. 6d.) is a different stamp of book. In it, the authors have attempted a survey of the new State in its many aspects. Not only is the volume concerned with political issues, but there is much of interest in regard to the life of the people, their customs, religious beliefs, etc. The book also contains a summary of historical survey of the Far East going back to the very earliest times. On political matters, and on the actual accomplishments of the new regime, the authors give a fair presentation of the facts, praising where praise is due, and criticising where criticism is called for. Two great evils are stressed—banditry and prostitution. The evidence of travellers, it is claimed, does not bear out the contention that Japan has reduced the number of bandits; and the further point is made that, unfortunately for the natives of Manchukuo, the worst type of Japanese are entering the country. The extreme arrogance of the Japanese troops is also commented upon, with the observation that it is deplored by Japanese officials.

On the other hand, there is warm praise for what Japan has done in the matter of education, as well as in stabilising the currency, and in reforming the banking and taxation systems. Much headway is also reported in road and railway construction. Regarding Manchukuo's mineral deposits, it is recorded that when the State is developed, the new State will become a much coveted land—a very Jewel of Asia. Doubts are expressed whether the present form of government will continue. It is certain that Japan will carry good organisation and social amenities into the country, but the query is raised whether the actual population will benefit, as they have a right to do, or whether they

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### EARLY DAYS OF CRICKET

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z. B. W. on a Wavelength of 355 metres (845 k.c.s.), 31.49 metres (9.52 megacycles).

4.7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m. European Programme.

7 p.m. Italian Music.

"La Sonnambula" (Bellini)—Could I believe.... "Toll Dal Monte, 'Falstaff' (Verdi)—From Secret Caves and Bowers.... (Soprano); "La Forza del Destino" (Verdi)—Swear in this hour.... Beniamino Gigli (tenor), and Giuseppe de Luca (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—A word allow me! A song of tender memories.... Apollo Granforte (Baritone); "I Pagliacci" (Leoncavallo)—On with the Motley, "Andrea Chénier" (Giordano)—Gazing one day into the boundless blue.... Aureliano Pertile (Tenor).

7.30 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.35 p.m. Three Light Saxophone Solos by Howard Jacobs.

At Dayning (Cadmán); From the land of the sky-blue water (Cadmán); I love the moon (Rubens).

7.45 p.m. From the Studio.

The third of a series of talks on "The Early Days of Cricket" by R. Abbit.

8 p.m. Time, Weather and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. A Band Concert.

Flute Solo—Fantasie Caractéristique (Andersen); Edith Penville; Vocal—When evening's twilight (Hatten).... Sweet and low (Tennyson—Barnby).... The Salisbury Slingers; Bands—Standfast and true (Teike, arr. Biddgood).... Grand Massed Brass Bands; Bands—Mh-strel Memories (arr. Rimmer); A Sanctus—Idyl (MacKenzie).... Grand Massed Brass Bands; Vocal—Annie Laurie (Trad., arr. Batten).... Heddie Nash and Male Quartette; Band—Blaze away—March (Holzmann).... Columbia German Band.

8.30 p.m. Froise and His Mandolins with Don Carlos.

9 p.m. News and Announcements.

9.20 p.m. From the Studio.

"Music Light and Gay."

Mary Gray (mezzo-soprano), Olga Morgan (Piano), Prue Lewis (Violin) and Gaston d'Aquino (Tenor).

10 p.m. Big Ben.

10 p.m. Marek Webery and His Orchestra.

Reminiscences of Grieg (arr. Ur-bach); Suite Orientale (Poppy); Faithful Jumping Jack (Heykens); Standchen (Heykens); Columbine's rendezvous (Heykens); Song of Paradise (Kling).

10.30 p.m. Dance Music.

11 p.m. Close Down.

Will become the mere victims of oppressive Japanese militarism.

All in all, an engrossing volume, bearing the imprint of a fairly close study of the new State, even if in parts the book is somewhat scrappy in assembly.

**PROGRESSIVE REVELATION**

Students of theology will find much to be thought-compelling in "Concerning Progressive Revelation," by Vivian Phelps (C. A. Watts and Co., Ltd., London; 1s.). This little book comprises a revised and extended chapter of "The Churches and Modern Thought," by the same author. It is complete in itself, but necessarily the argument will be better understood if read in conjunction with the chapters which precede and follow it. The complete volume is now available in the Thinker's Library, issued at one shilling.

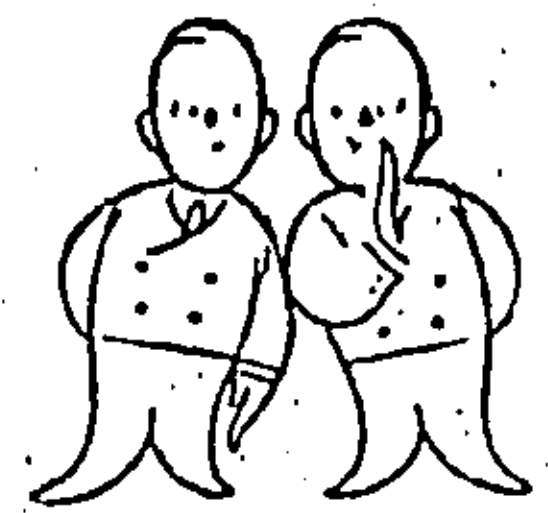
The author, in his preface, refers to the lack of publicity given to social anthropology, and deals with the importance of the Christian religion of the new theory of progressive revelation. In the book itself he gives detailed parallels in ancient religions, and asks all Christians to consider whether, in the common ethos, we have marvellous anticipations of the Bible stories, or whether in the latter we have reproductions of the former. Progressive revelation seeks to explain away these parallels, but the author finds the theory quite unacceptable. The book is marked with obvious sincerity, and the viewpoint expressed, although conflicting with the Christian concept, is reverently put.

**FOR THE CHILDREN**

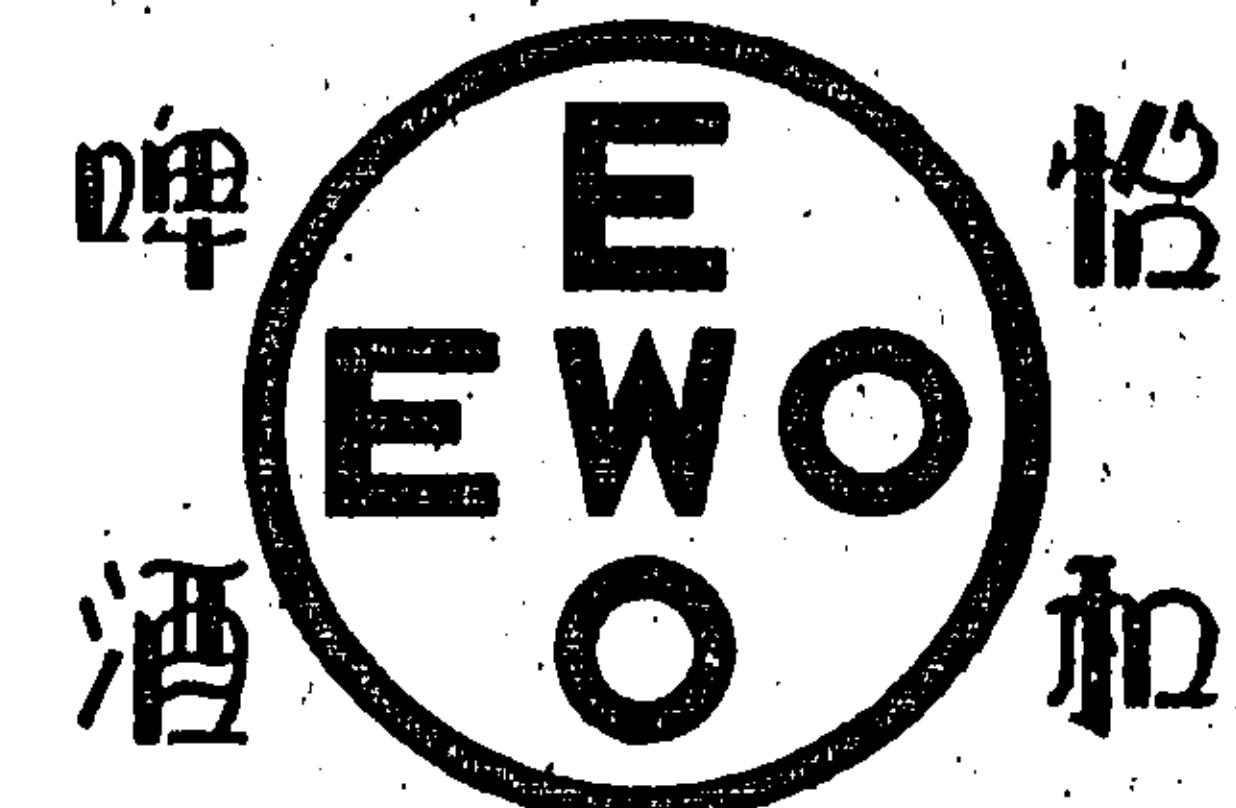
Raphael Tuck and Sons' publications for the yuletide season are well up to the high standard set by this famous house. Tuck's Annual, issued at 3s. 6d., has many fascinating features, including an article on magic tricks by a professional conjuror, thrilling tales of overseas adventures, mystery stories, riddles, jokes and puzzles. Father Tuck's Annual for Little People, issued at the same price, will be found just as popular, being full of merry tales and verses, and all manner of other attractive features. Both volumes are beautifully illustrated.

To Tuck's "Treasure Trove" Library, issued at 2s. 6d. per volume, there have been two additions—namely "Cocky and Co." an adventure story, and "The Pearl Fishers and Other Stories." There are nearly two hundred pages of letterpress and scores of lovely illustrations. The "Joyous Youth" Library comprises a new series of four volumes at the remarkably low price of one shilling. These are "The Passing of the Black Hawk," an adventure book; "Adventures by Land, Sea and Air"; "Adventures in Animal Land"; and "Cinderella and Other Stories." They are very attractively produced and are charming and inexpensive gifts, sure to delight the kiddies.

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### DAY-BY-DAY NEWS IN BRIEF

THE PATH OF DUTY IS NEAR AT HAND; MEN SEEK IT IN WHAT IS REMOTE.—Proverb.

Among the latest appointments to the Colonial Service is that of Miss D. H. Blockford to be Nursing Sister, Hongkong.

A motor accident occurred near the Post Office yesterday afternoon, when a man named Te Chiu, aged 47, was knocked down by a motor car. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Yesterday being the end of the month of Ramadan, the Mohammedan community in Hongkong is celebrating the festival of Id-ul-Fitr to-day. A special service was held at the Mosque in Shelley Street this morning.

St. Andrew's Club Christmas Carnival Dance will be held in St. Andrew's Church hall on Thursday, December 17, 1936, from 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m. Tickets \$1.50. (Including refreshments) may be had from members. Dress, fancy or evening.

Two Chinese were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday. Leung Kwai, 34, of 824 Canton Road, was taken to the institution suffering from an injury received when a sheet of iron fell on him in Bulkeley Street, Hung Hom. Tse Chan, 30, of Pak Ting village, Kowloon City, was treated for chopper wounds which were inflicted on him by another Chinese.

Following an attempt to dispose of a stolen bicycle in Wanchai yesterday, an unemployed man, Wong Fat-yuen, aged 24, was taken into custody and brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning where he admitted having stolen the bicycle which belonged to Ten Chau, a student, who had left the machine in Connaught Road Central for a few minutes. Defendant, who had a clear police record, was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

An unemployed man named Leung Ping-wong, aged 28, was sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning for possession of a revolver and four rounds of ammunition without a permit from the Inspector General of Police. Defendant, who came from Canton, was arrested two weeks ago, coming off from the Shamshuipo Ferry in Connaught Road Central. Det.-Inspector O'Murphy prosecuted.

The U.S.S. Asheville is due here to-morrow.

Five cases of Diphtheria and four cases of Typhoid were reported to the local Health authorities during the three days ended on Monday.

The Health and Strength League Carnival Dance will be held at the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 1936. The programme will include a variety of dances and other amusements. The band of the Royal Ulster Rifles will be in attendance.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. K. Keen granted an application made by the police for the confiscation of 200 lbs. of sugar found unclaimed and unmanifested on board the s.s. Hozan Maru on December 11.

A woman, Chiu Sze, 32, appeared before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of possession of a quantity of heroin pills in Queen's Road Central yesterday. Defendant was remanded for a week, bail in \$500 being fixed.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed on Lai Yung, aged 42, unemployed, charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning with being found in No. 44 Catchick Street, for an unlawful purpose at 4.45 a.m. to-day. Defendant said he went into the house to purchase fish from the complainant, Chan Kam, a fishmonger. Inspector M. H. Hourigan informed his Worship that when defendant saw complainant coming towards him, he immediately bolted for the back door. Complainant and his folks were asleep, and they did not do business at that hour of the morning.

For snatching a handbag from a married woman named Lung Suk-chun, of 93 Hollywood Road, an unemployed man, named Luk Kwok-ying, aged 30, was brought before Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy this morning where he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from a person. Det.-Sergeant Mackay stated that while complainant was walking along Hollywood Road yesterday afternoon defendant came from behind her and snatched her purse. Complainant gave the alarm and defendant was arrested by a Revenue Officer in Lower Lascar Road. Defendant was remanded for 24 hours to see if he is fit for birching.



**Miss Helen Hull Jacobs.**  
 instatement into the Amateur Athletic Union at the annual convention at Houston, Texas.



# "RETREAT" BY ULSTERS PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

The Band and Bugles of the 1st. Battalion the Royal Ulster Rifles will play Retreat to-morrow (Thursday) commencing at 5.15 p.m. on Murray Parade Ground. This will be the final appearance of the Band and Bugles on the Murray Ground. The programme will be as follows:

1. Band and Bugles. "Les Pollus."
2. Band. "Officer of the Day."
3. Bugles. "44th Durhams."
4. Band. "Regt. March of the Connaught Rangers."
5. Bugles. "Austria."
6. Band. "Irish Airs."
7. Band and Bugles. "Royal South Downs."
8. God save The King.

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# TO-NIGHT'S DEBATE ON DAYLIGHT SAVING AT Y.M.C.A.

The most topical of all local subjects—Daylight Saving—is to be debated at the European Y.M.C.A. to-night.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy, who will open the discussion, will ask whether Hongkong really needs Daylight Saving. The meeting which starts at 8 o'clock, is confined to members only of the Y.M.C.A.

## RECENT BAZAAR

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children desires to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, gifts by the following firms to the recent sale of work: Messrs. Loxley and Co., Ltd., John D. Hutchison and Co., Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., the Gloucester Hotel, Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., Arts and Crafts, Ltd., Colonial Dispensary, Sincere Co., Ltd., Wing On Co., Ltd., Asin Co., China Emporium, also to Mesdames Alabaster, Crannell and Keen for assistance rendered, to all who generously contributed to the various stalls, and to the Press, European and Chinese, for appreciated publicity.

# BILLIARD TOURNEYS Local Championships Now Being Organised

In view of last year's success, the second annual championships of the Hongkong Amateur Billiards Association are now being organised. Entry forms have already been sent out to the public and the various clubs which are interested. They are reminded that the entries close on December 26, 1936. Individuals joining the Association pay \$3 a year, which entitles them to join either the Senior or Junior Championship free of charge. Clubs wishing to join the Association have to pay \$10 a year. The entrance fee for the Senior Championship is \$3 and the Junior Championship \$2. Further particulars may be had from Mr. A. B. Hamson, of Lane, Crawford Ltd. (Sports Department), who has taken over the Hon. Secretaryship of the Association.

At a meeting of the Hongkong Teachers' Association at St. Joseph's College on December 17 at 8.15 p.m., Dr. Hargreaves will lecture on "The Aims and Functions of a Medical Service to Schools."

# A POSSIBLE OXFORD COX DISCUSSED IN TERMS OF HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

(By Conrad Skinner)

MOST people with a heart have been interested by the picture and attendant publicity of the cheerful nipper who is already spoken of as Oxford's possible cox for 1937. He stands 3ft. high, weighs 3st. 13lb., and looks as bright and jolly as they make them. Everybody will wish him, and Oxford, good luck if the matter comes to a favourable decision.

I am, however, more interested in the apparent resurgence of the old weight bogey, and I should like to discuss the matter theoretically, without any reference to the gifts and personality of the winsome Mr. H. F. Massey (of Balliol), whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I shall do no more than dispassionately use his measurements and weight, trusting that he will grant me that much licence.

First, then, here is a candidate four to five stone short of the normal coxing weight, and that invites a crude sum in mathematics.

And a typical cox at something round 120lb., the total dead weight of 1,920lb. is going to undergo a saving of 60lb. owing to the potential treasure Oxford has unearthed—a saving of one pound in every thirty-two.

If speed were going to vary precisely in inverse ratio to dead weight (that is, if the extra 60lb. of dead weight were going to be so disposed as to increase in exact proportion the air- and water-resistance, which constitute the chief known brakes on speed of any given crew) we should expect a speed-increase roughly equivalent to the said traction, or some 700ft. from Putney to Mortlake—approximately 11 lengths, in fact.

## A MISGUIDED EXPERIMENT

But although my mathematics will not rise to a true assessment, I am aware that it would amount to nothing like so much as that. The addition of 60lb. to Mr. Massey would not increase water-resistance in that precise proportion, whilst the air-resistance of any coxswain at all must be largely negligible—owing to his "streamlined" screening by the crew.

Another important consideration is to keep low the centre of gravity in order to minimise the liability to roll. For this reason they sank my seat nearly to the level of the boat in 1912—a scheme which deflected its purpose. My useful inches—considerable for a cox—had given me normally the advantage of easy vision over the heads of the crew as they "cleared" and I lost that by being lowered, having to get my view first on one side and then on the other. This tended to produce boat-oscillation, the very thing to prevent which my seat had been sunk!

If Mr. Massey is so short that he has to be perched on cushions, as I read, in order that he may see where he is going, up goes his centre of gravity, and one of the advantages of his size forthwith vanishes in this increased liability to roll the boat.

The precise saving in speed handicaps which may be involved in the reducing of coxswain-weight, I cannot estimate. Let us suppose, however, for the sake of argument, that by making up a crew of eight and a half men, instead of nine, we are going to save six lengths. Of what value is that if we choose for this purpose a cox who, by reason of short stature, cannot see adequately before him, or one selected simply for lack of weight and then trained on to be a cox in the hope that genius may spontaneously sprout within him?

Surely, primary account should be made of the positive gifts which go to make a helmsman and crew-controller.

A man may be worth 6-lengths for his lack of dead-weight, but he may lose the six lengths quite easily, even before Hammersmith—and none but an expert the wiser—if he has not the flair for tide- and channel-understanding, and the capacity to judge when, and when not, to pull his strings this way or that.

It should be the kind of man in whose experience and coolness a crew can wholly trust and to whom Stroke dares to leave the responsibility of advising on the kaleidoscopic panorama of the race, with its momentous decision to spur here or hang on there, the man who will know, when it arrives, that here and now is the unique opportunity to crack the enemy with a double ten and steer into the favouring water ahead of him.

Whilst I think it was rash and ill-advised of a president once to offer to take a certain cup up to ten stone—a very flattering moment for him, of course—I do think that more weight is discredited as a decisive factor. On the other hand I do also think that the obsession may have a psychological effect on a crew.

For this reason, all against my will and belief, I did train down by seven pounds in 1912, but I was anything but completely fit for my job after it.

Anyhow, it was disheartening that that should be the year when we shipped 1½ tons of water between Putney and Hammersmith to render vain my sacrifice!

Mr. Massey may prove to have all the gifts, save inches, that the ideal cox should have. It is, at any rate, on the possession of some at least of these positive factors that the decision should turn.

## SPORT ADVTs.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on Saturday, 19th December, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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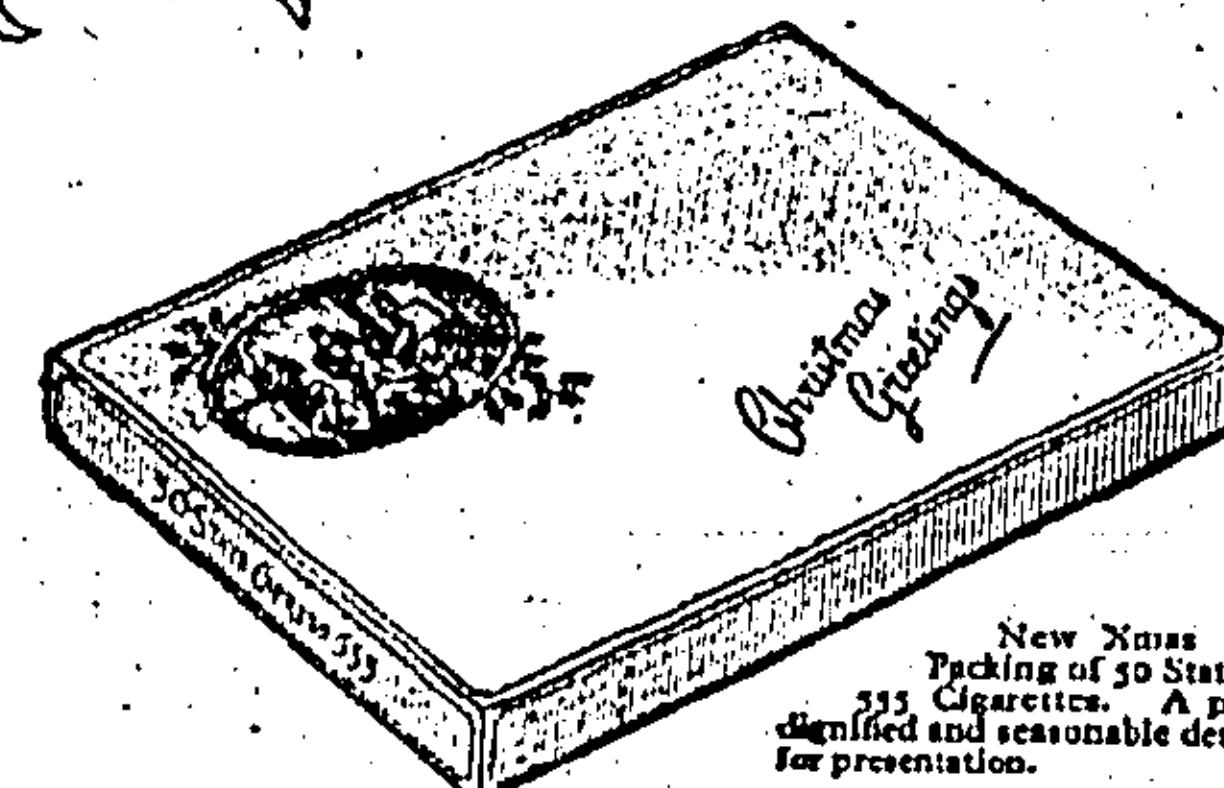
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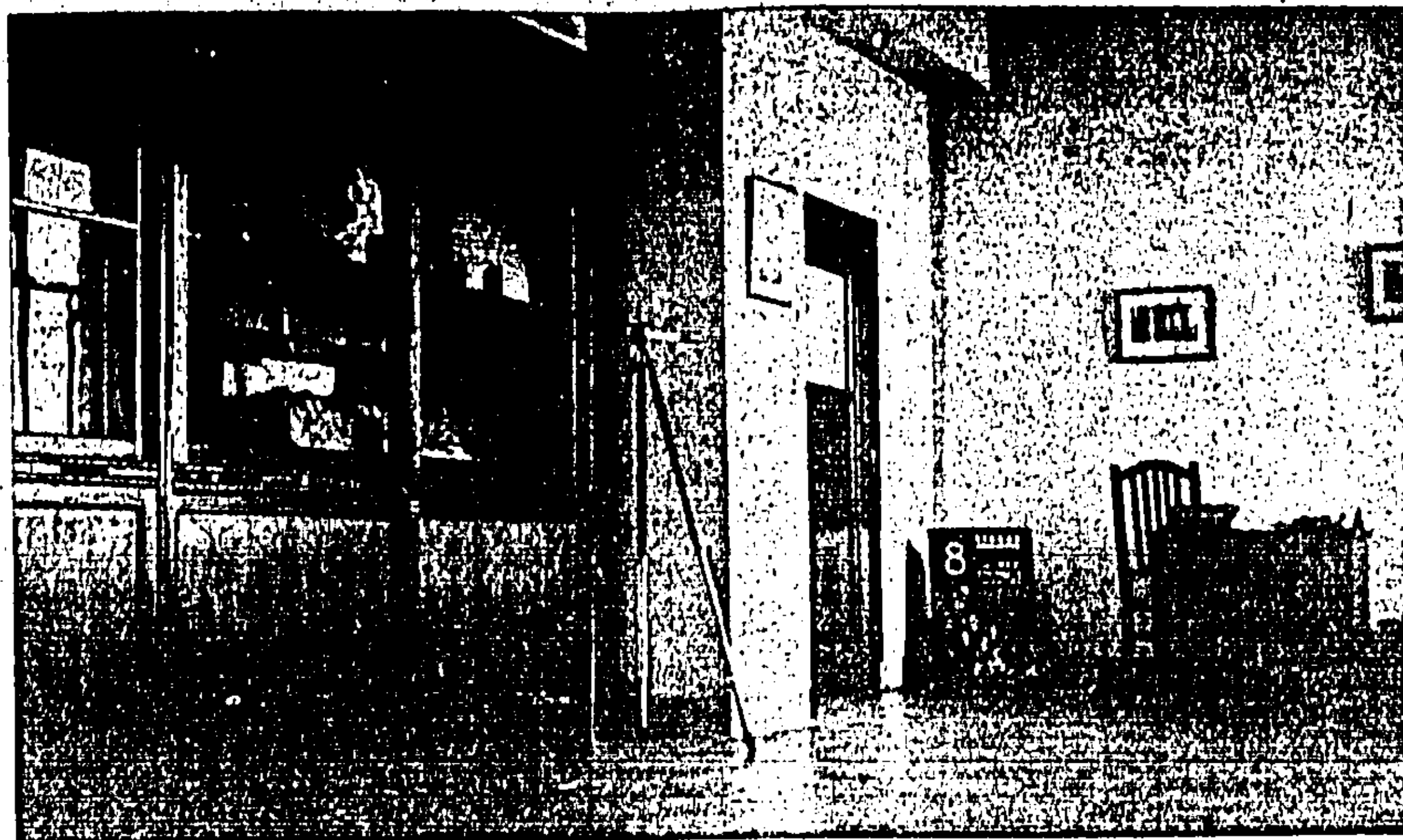
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By A Special Reporter

"Baron Emil Forst," ex-Secret Service man and £200-a-week Hollywood film scenario writer, broken by ill-health and war wounds, tired of trudging round London's West End with film scripts he could not sell or even give away, paid a penny to gas himself in a tiny top floor bedroom in Vauxhall Bridge Rd., S.W. one night this month.

And as I sat in my office writing his story my telephone rang and brought this news.

While Forst was losing his last hope a woman film executive from Hollywood was seeking him. "She had a story to translate and she wanted Forst to do it," I was told. "Another man made a mess of the job. The executive said: 'If only we could find Forst he would make a grand job of this! But she could not find him. The money would have saved him.'"

Forst, appointed head of the foreign literature department of Universal City by Carl Laemmle Junr., came to Europe from Hol-

### SEALED ENVELOPE

He lost that job. He had to count his pennies. His last words before he locked himself in the bedroom to die were: "How long does a penny-worth of gas last?"

When the police were called to the bedroom, Forst, wrapped in an eiderdown, his head on a pillow under the bed, had been dead for hours. Propped on the dressing table was a big envelope, several times sealed.

It contained his will, which was witnessed last month by a West

End film agent to whom he had offered his last hopeless script. His suitcase contained nothing but a big new Bible.

Forst was born in Vienna on May 7, 1867; said his real name was Baron Emil Forsternek. He claimed to have carried out secret diplomatic missions for Austria during the great war.

His mastery of languages—Austrian, German, Italian, French and English—fitted him for the job of searching European capitals for Hollywood film stories. He was happy, on top of the world. But as an original story writer he was a failure. He was just a good translator and story finder.

### "PEACE AT LAST"

Film actor Gibson Gowland, his friend for 15 years, told me last night: "I first met Forst—we always called him Captain Forst—in Hollywood. He was writing film stories, and doing translations of plays and novels. He often earned £200 a week and more freelancing.

"He tried to write film stories in London, could not understand his failure to sell any. He could not earn a penny here. In Hollywood, you know, they buy stories they never use. Here they only buy the ones they want at the moment.

"The night before last he telephoned to me and he was very depressed. I tried to cheer him up, but he said: 'Well, I'll be gone before long and then you'll know that I'll be at peace at last.'"

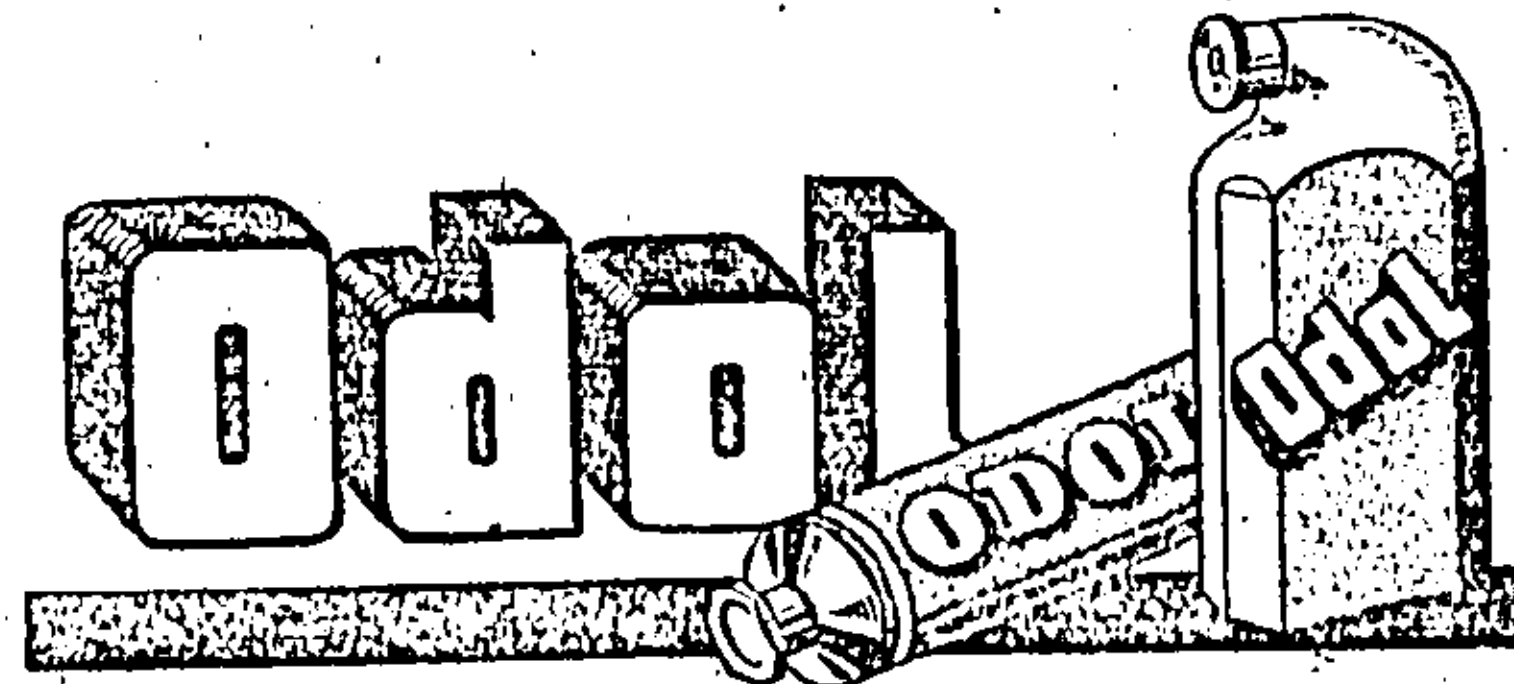


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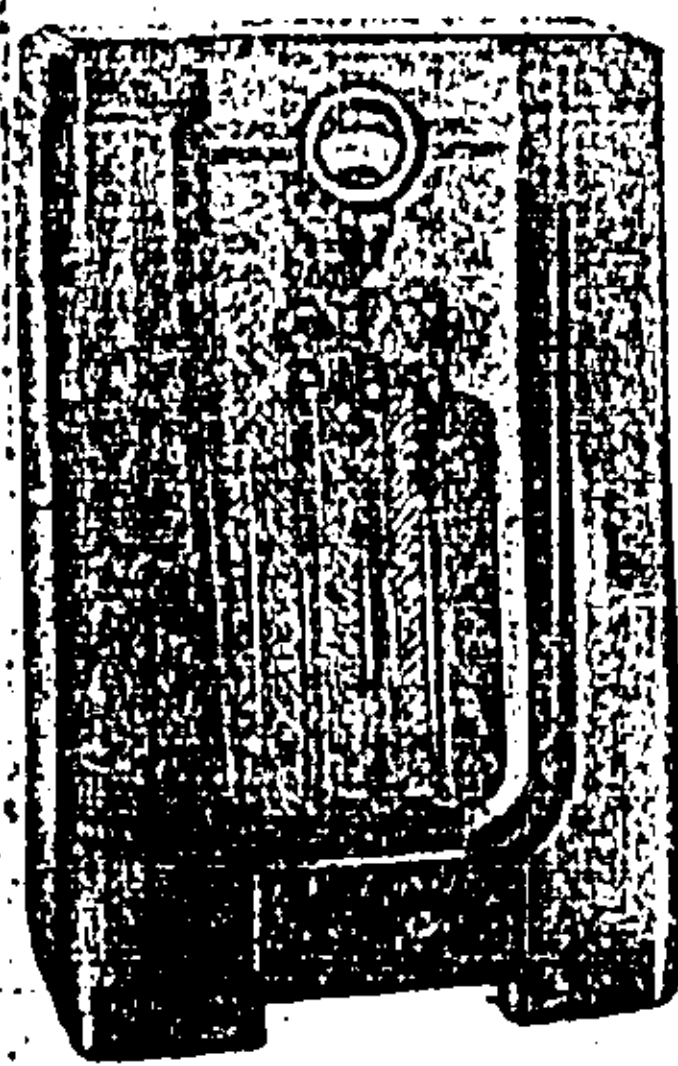
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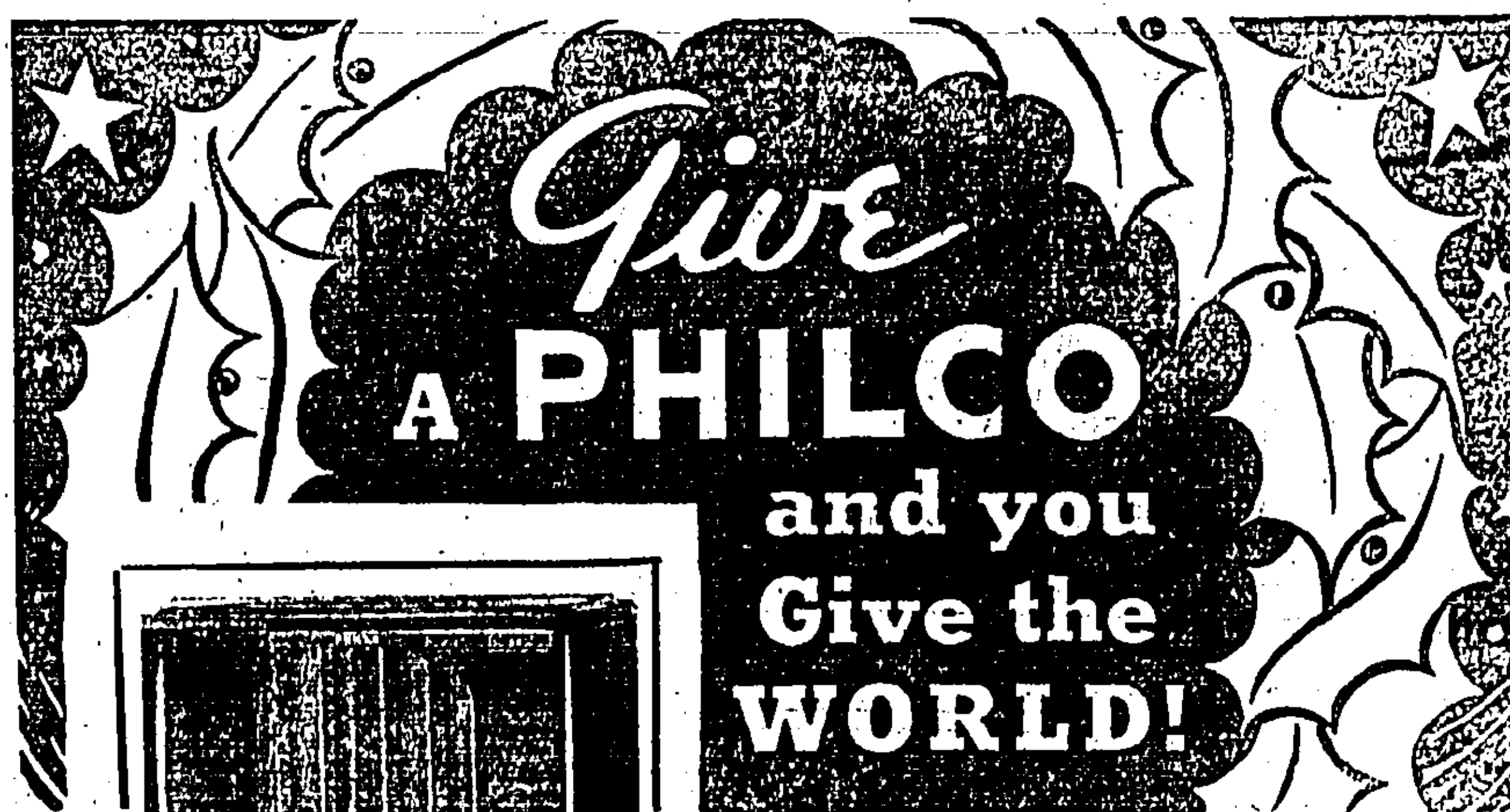
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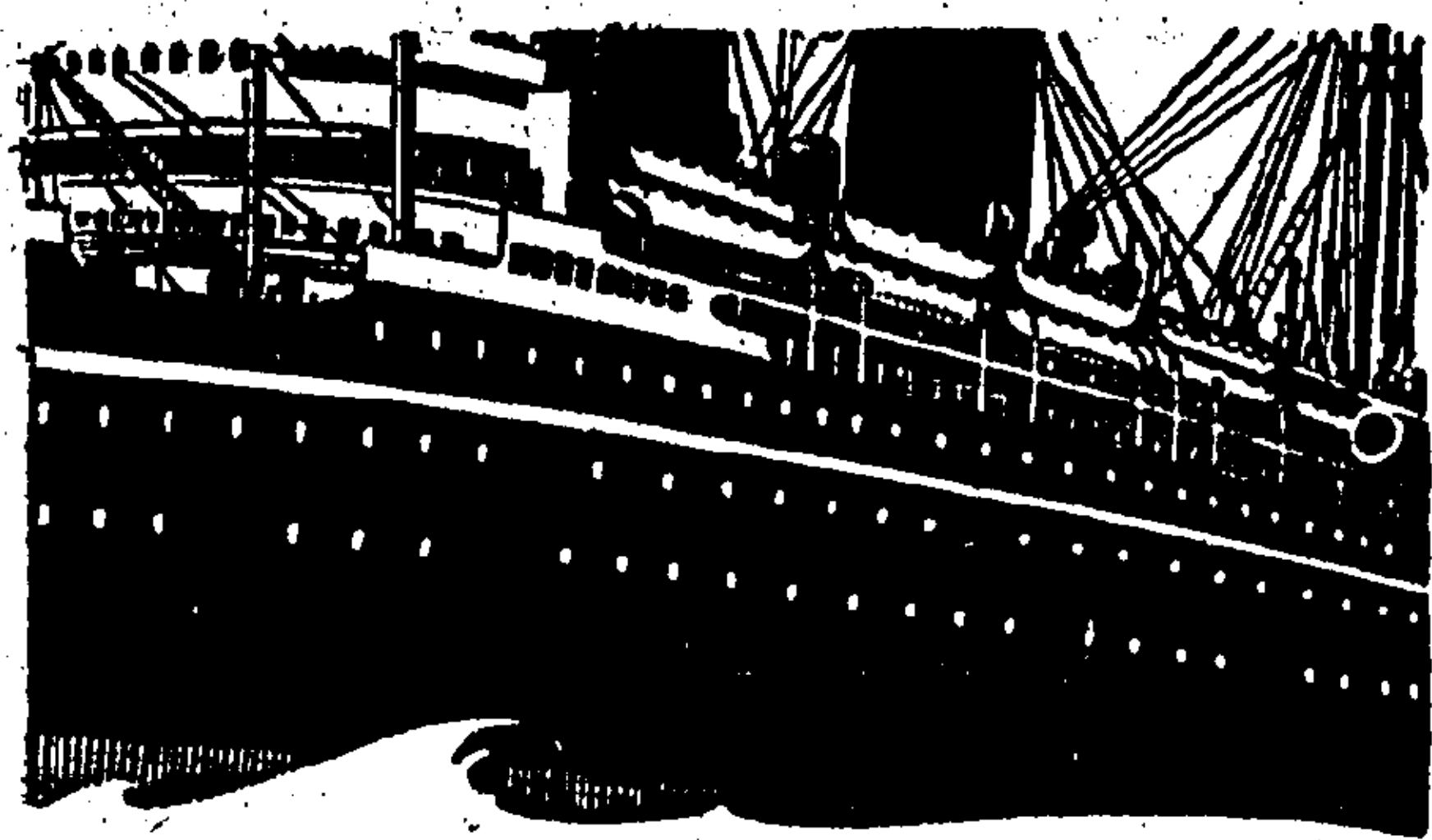
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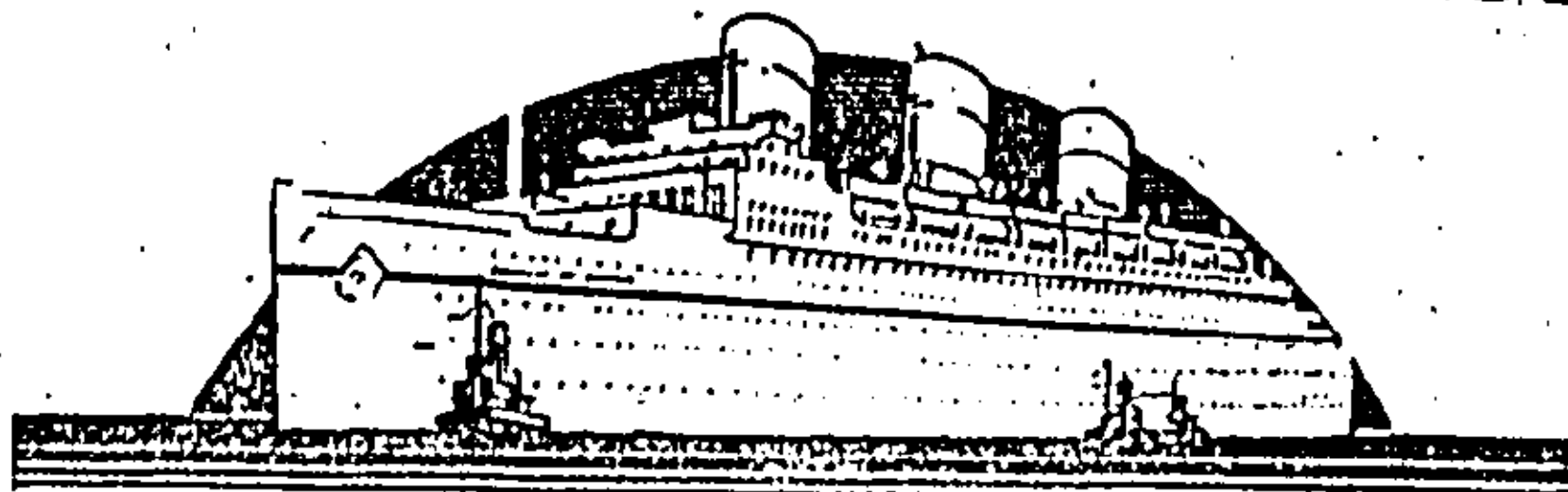
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## The Strange Case Of Mrs. Lowick

London, Dec. 5.

One of the most remarkable cases in recent times is in progress before the Court of Appeal.

It arose out of an appeal of Mr. Philip Lazarus, a Manchester magistrate, and his son, Mr. Adolph Lazarus, calico printers, of Salford, against an award of £4,719 damages for malicious prosecution to Mrs. Frances I. Lowick (21) of Rhos-on-Sea, North Wales.

Mrs. Lowick, then unmarried, and a girl of excellent character, was formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus in a clerical capacity. Money was missing by forgery on a large scale. Her employers brought a police court action against her, but it was dismissed, and there was no evidence at all as to what she had done with the money. If she had had it, the actual charge was in respect of a small sum of £170 only, but Sir Patrick Hastings (Counsel for the Lazaruses in the Court of Appeal) said cheques were involved totalling about £1,000.

Thereupon, the girl and her father, she was then under age—brought the action for malicious prosecution against the firm who were undoubtedly held up to much local odium after publicity all over the British Isles.

The firm appealed and when the action was started this week in a Higher Court, Sir Patrick declaring the firm would prove a very grave miscarriage of justice, said: "Mrs. Lowick, formerly employed by Messrs. Lazarus, was awarded the damages at Manchester Assizes last July. She had been acquitted on a prosecution, in October, 1935, for forgery of about £170. "When Mrs. Lowick was prosecuted before the magistrate the astounding thing was there was no evidence at all as to what had been done by her with the money if she had had it. Since the action was tried the most amazing information has come into the possession of the defendants from a shop called Stella's. Books show that, between April, 1935, and April, 1936, Mrs. Lowick bought £651 worth of clothes there. "Between April 26th, 1935, and October 11th, 1936, when she left her employment, she had paid £400 on account to Stella's. "She always paid in £1 notes, within a day or two of the alleged forgery of the cheques. "Of the balance of the £650, £170 was paid off in May, 1936, after the prosecution and before the civil action, and a final payment of £51 was made by the young woman's father. "There also came to the defendants' knowledge another most astounding fact. "On December 4th, 1935, somebody went to John Percy &amp; Co. pawnbrokers, with jewellery on which £20 was advanced. "The person pledging the property gave the name of Beatrice Chartres, a young woman employed by Stella's. "Beatrice Chartres has been seen and said that no jewellery of hers was pledged at all, and she knows nothing about it. "The pledge-notes have been inspected and an opinion has been given that they are in the handwriting of Mrs. Lowick. "There could be no doubt," Sir Patrick added, "that if the evidence was right the plaintiff and her father are in grave peril from another aspect of the law, having regard to the evidence they swore at the trial. "There were, he concluded, an enormous number of grounds for appeal."

Mr. E. C. Hemmende, K.C. for Mrs. Lowick, said, "One of the main questions which arose was whether she forged the cheques or whether Mr. Adolph Lazarus signed them in the ordinary course of business and put the money into his own pocket."

The jury found that the latter thing happened as shown by these questions left to them and their answers.

Their verdict, if it stood, must inevitably lead to the prosecution of Mr. Adolph Lazarus. "Our case will be that these books that are supposed to convict Mrs. Lowick are forged and have been forged to meet a desperate situation."

The plaintiff will deny that she ever had the things and will say that the people who are now coming forward to help are people who within a week of the verdict, asked her to put £2,000 of her damages in to their business."

Sir Patrick gave an undertaking that Mr. Hemmende should have every facility to examine the Stella books.

And there for the moment the case stands. Fresh evidence is to be called.

## Big Game Freak

Nairobi, Dec. 1.

The skin of what is believed to be a new species of wild animal, shot in the Mau Forest by a white settler, is now being exhibited at the Nairobi Natural History Museum.

The animal resembles a huge lynx, but its colour, markings and the shape of the skull are different. Natives believe it to be a Nandi bear, an almost legendary animal, reported to have been seen at intervals during the last 20 years, but never identified.

The skin and skull are to be sent to the British Museum.

## 8 SHOPPING DAYS TO CHRISTMAS



Mother, I think I'll get daddy a T — I — E for Christmas.

## American Critic of "£40,000,000 Coronation"

From A Correspondent

New York, Dec. 10.

"I have been reliably informed that the Coronation is going to cost the British £40,000,000."

"Let them pay that in interest on their debt to the United States, and go about their King-crowning in a simple way."

So said Representative Raymond J. Cannon (Democrat, Wisconsin) explaining to me why he is to introduce a resolution into the coming Congress calling upon the United States Government to boycott the Coronation ceremony.

### OVER THE PHONE

Speaking on the telephone from Milwaukee, Mr. Cannon insisted that the Coronation would cost the sum he mentioned.

There was a little give-and-take over the phone, as follows:

Myself: "Supposing the British wanted to pay that amount on the debt, how would you accept the money—in gold or goods?"

Mr. Cannon: "I'd take it in any way that would relieve the American taxpayers."

Myself: "If you took it in goods, that might injure American workers who are now producing the same goods."

Mr. Cannon: "I don't know anything about that. What I ask is—have they made an offer? If they make an offer, let the State Department settle how to accept payment."

The resolution which Mr. Cannon is to move includes this: "A debtor has no right to waste huge sums of money for needless display and harmful propaganda without even attempting to pay his debts."

## SHEPHERD MUST NEVER AGAIN OWN A DOG

Gloucestershire, Dec. 10.

Ernest Grubb, a 52-year-old shepherd, of Kemble, Gloucestershire, will never keep a dog again.

This penalty was imposed on him here to-day, when he was summoned for cruelty to his dog, which afterwards died.

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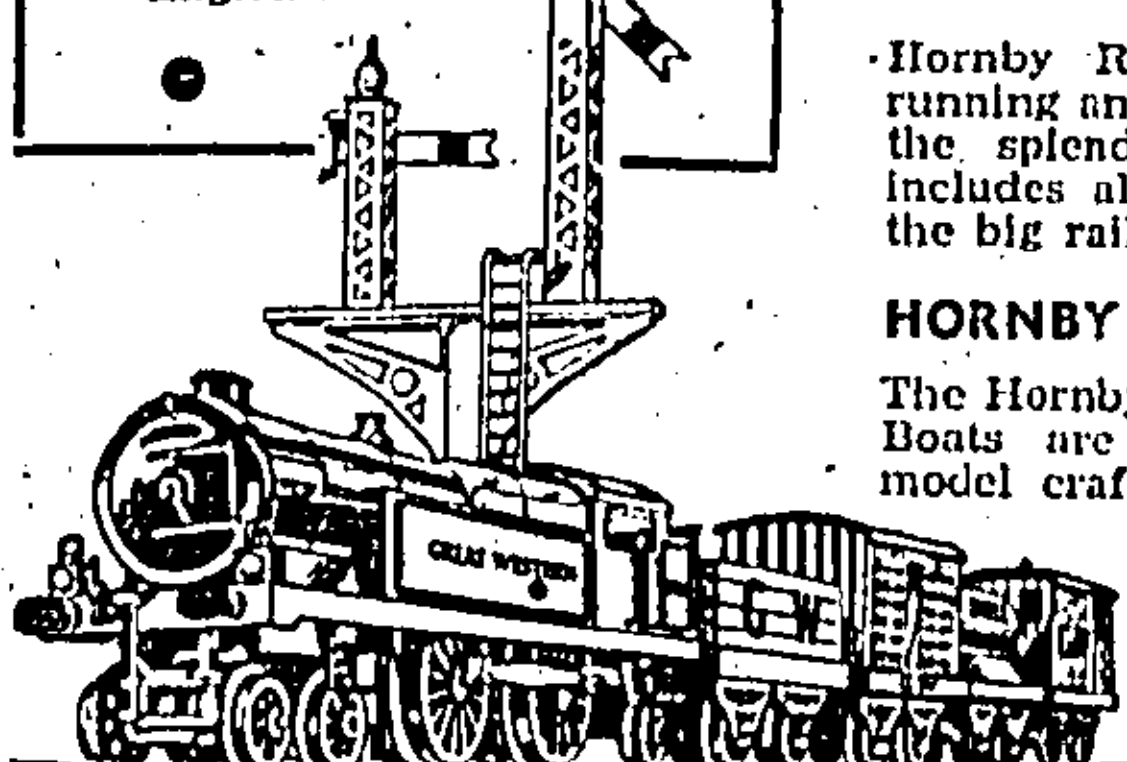
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## To-Day in the Past



The barracks after the bombardment. They were empty at the time.

## By Coastguardsman JAMES WALSH

(who was on duty at the Admiralty Signal Station at Scarborough Castle during the bombardment).

DAWN was spreading over the North Sea. I had watched it for the past twenty minutes splitting up the darkness of the long and dreary night.

Never before had my vigil from the look-out station topped a promontory overlooking Scarborough Bay dragged on so interminably.

## A Strange Vessel

I glanced at my watch. 7.50. Thank goodness I had only ten minutes more duty. My relief, Bob Barnes, would already be climbing the steep hill that wound up from the town of Scarborough to the summit of the cliff.

I stretched my limbs and walked to the door. A sticky chilliness enveloped me as I opened it and went outside on to the strip of grass that lay between the hut and cliff edge.

A heavy haze hung over the sea. Wisps of it drifted across the cliffs. The turf was saturated. It gloomed beneath my tread. It gloomed my boots to the sheen of patent leather. The White Ensign sagged sadly on

its mast above the hut. An uncomfortable, icy, penetrating mist, characteristic of November and December on the Yorkshire coast. "Frosty" they call it.

Below I could only just make out the sea. Grey and grim. I could hear it slurring monotonously over the shingly fore-shore.

A few minutes later the mist began to lift. Suddenly to the north I could dimly discern an approaching vessel. Just a blurred shape such as one would see through a badly focused telescope. It was travelling inside the swept channel that ran down practically the whole length of the East Coast and extended three miles out to sea, and which was used by all merchant shipping as a safeguard against mines.

Probably one of the Carron Line vessels that were constantly passing along the channel with mails and merchandise on their way to and from Leith and London. I took a second look.

I hardly know what prompted my next action. Perhaps it was a slight unfamiliarity about the design of the boat.

Maybe it was because the guard at Scarborough Castle that lay barely three hundred yards immediately behind the signal station had the night before unexpectedly been doubled.

At any rate, I re-entered the hut and rang up Whitty signal station—the next round the coast northwards.

I inquired if any vessel of the description of the approaching one had passed their station earlier.

None had.

My suspicions were now definitely aroused.

The suspect was drawing nearer. She was travelling at a great rate.



The German battle-cruiser Von der Tann, which took part in the raid.

## The Bombardment of Scarborough

Her speed was churning the water almost up to her forecastle. I called to my companions. They were Harry Holding, next in rank to myself, and a police constable, Harry Hunter.

It was usual during war time for the local police force to supplement the personnel at the Admiralty signal stations dotted round the coast with constables—mainly as a safeguard against espionage.

"There's a strange ship over there," I said. "And as sure as my name's Jimmie Walsh she's a German."

Even as I spoke I saw two more vessels loom out of the haze at her port side.

I shouted to Hunter to call out the men and officers of the military guard, who had their billets in cottages adjacent to the Castle.

I told Holding to warn the constable guard, who had their quarters lower down the cliff.

Now I could clearly see that the leading vessel was a warship. A two-funnelled one. An enemy cruiser.

Flash And A Roar

She was quite close to the shore. I should make out figures crowding on the bridge. I could also see a gun being trained on to the Castle.

I sprang to the telephone. At all cost I must inform the wireless station at the back of the town. It was in direct touch with the Admiralty. I began the message.

"Enemy battleships approaching from the north," I spoke lustily. "They are about to bomb."

The message was never finished. There was a brilliant flash. A sonorous roar. A shell tore over the hut, taking with it the telephone wires. It burst in the strip of headland between the rear of the hut and the Castle.

The earth trembled. At the same moment my relief, Bob Barnes, white and breathless, dashed into the hut.

"My God, the papers, quick," he gasped. "This is going to be a landing."

I gathered up all the confidential books and documents, and flew to an old disused well at the back of the hut. Bob Barnes followed with a can of paraffin.

Now a second terrible resonant roar cut at the sea, the whine of a shell, and the hut we had just vacated was no more.

Nothing but a wooden platform that had formed the floor, and a tangled heap of smoking rubbish. With feverish haste Barnes tore off the top of the paraffin can and poured its contents on to the books and papers that I had laid in a heap on the grass.

Another shell. We saw a great cloud of dust rise from a row of empty barracks adjacent to the Castle. A long, japing fissure showed from roof to floor of its brickwork front.

With trembling fingers Barnes struck a match, and as the message devoured the little pile I pushed the smouldering mass into the well.

Now there was a veritable fusillade of shells. One after another they roared and whistled over our heads and detonated with fearful explosions all around us.

We lay flat on our stomachs in the grass. At any moment we expected

to be in the midst of one of those shattering fulminations. Successive crashes told us that the Castle and the barracks were crumbling before the terrible onslaught.

Uncanny Silence

Would it never cease? Surely it had already lasted hours. I looked at my watch. It was twenty minutes past eight.

And then suddenly there was a lull. An uncanny, enveloping silence.

A cock crowed in the distance. There were the faint sounds of dogs barking agitatedly in the town below.

I scrambled to my feet. There were now three ships in the bay. They looked gigantic. It seemed marvellous to me that they did not run aground; they must have been extremely well acquainted with the waters outside Scarborough.

I noticed that two of the vessels were now swinging round and reversing their course.

The guns to port side were now being trained on to the town. A great shudder passed through me.

Scarborough was not an early rising town. In a moment its sleeping inhabitants would be roused to an unbearable agony. I waited in a fearful suspense. I was helpless.

Thirty seconds later there was a flash and an explosion and a salvo was flung into the midst of the thickly populated streets below me.

Again and again were those light-jung, flashes followed by explosions that quivered the air and terminated in crashes that seemed to reverberate against the cliffside a thousand times.

Dodged Own Mines

Shell after shell was fired into the town at close range.

Meanwhile the smaller vessel was returning northward again, laying

mines as she went along the inshore channel to which I have referred.

A few minutes later she was followed by the two larger vessels, which skillfully manoeuvred past their own mines, firing as they went.

All three ships then steamed at full speed in the direction of Whitby, which they next bombarded.

In Scarborough, the panic caused by this unexpected attack of the enemy on an unprotected town was terrific.

When they had recovered from their astonishment many of the population had run distractedly into the streets, regardless of the chilliness of the morning and the fact that they were only in their night clothes.

It was, in fact, this rush into the streets—impelled, no doubt, by an instinctive urge to fly from danger—that was responsible for a good many deaths from flying pieces of shell.

Hundreds raced towards the railway station, and the authorities had a harassing morning coping with the vast and sudden exodus.

Hotel Target

Special trains were put on; many people arrived at places so far inland as Malton and York in dressing-gowns and bedroom slippers.

Others drove to friends who had houses inland in every kind of conveyance—motor-cars, traps.

Many bicycled out of the town with a few personal belongings hurriedly placed in a knapsack slung over the handlebars.

The damage to houses and public buildings in the streets was considerable. The two top floors of the Grand Hotel were shattered; their entire length and breadth. The hotel had made a first-class target and stands high up on the cliffs in the very centre of the bay.

One shell passed through the side of the town hall and lodged in the

THE bombardment of Scarborough and Hartlepool by a German naval force brought home to the British people, perhaps more than anything else, the real meaning of the war.

On December 16, 1914, six German warships crept up to within a few miles of the British coast and rained shells on the two towns. During the raid they killed 137 inhabitants, injured 592 and did great damage to property.

council chamber. Another hit the lighthouse at the harbour entrance, badly damaging it. The hospital was hit, although, fortunately, no one was injured.

At St. Martin's Church on South Cliff morning Mass was being held when the bombardment started.

One shell hit the tower. Naturally the congregation showed some concern, but after a few reassuring words from the officiating archdeacon the service was resumed.

Private houses and their occupants in widely scattered areas suffered tremendous damage.

In Wykeham-street there is a house that has since always been known as "The House of Tragedy." A young soldier home on leave was trying to calm his terrified mother as shells flew over the house, when one penetrated the wall and exploded in the room where they were. It killed her, the soldier, and two young boys, one aged nine, the other five.

I well remember another tragic episode of the bombardment. A postman, Alfred Beal by name, was delivering the morning letters at houses on South Cliff, one of the better-class roads of Scarborough, when the ships started firing.

He pluckily continued on his rounds. He reached a house known as "Duncliffe" and rang the bell. He had a birthday present for the milkmaid. She answered the door.

Even as he handed her the package a shell burst within a few feet of them. They were both blown to pieces.

In all 200 properties were hit by the 489 shells fired; eighteen people were killed and eighty-four injured.

Many times since the bombardment I have thought it a significant fact that some eighteen months before the war a congress of German medical men was held at Scarborough, and that during its stay one doctor made a polite request to the elvish

authorities to see over the town under the guidance of a local historian. The request was granted, and during the tour of inspection both the barracks and Castle were visited.

Every one in the German party was armed with a camera, and I recall that at the time particular interest in the Castle and its place in the military scheme of things was exhibited by several of its members, who asked a great number of searching questions.

But whatever the significance of this incident, there is certainly no doubt that on December 16, 1914, the commanders of those German battleships were by no means lacking in knowledge that Scarborough had both a Castle and barracks on its headland.

The deliberate and confident way they steamed to a point opposite the two edifices and took aim was ample manifestation.

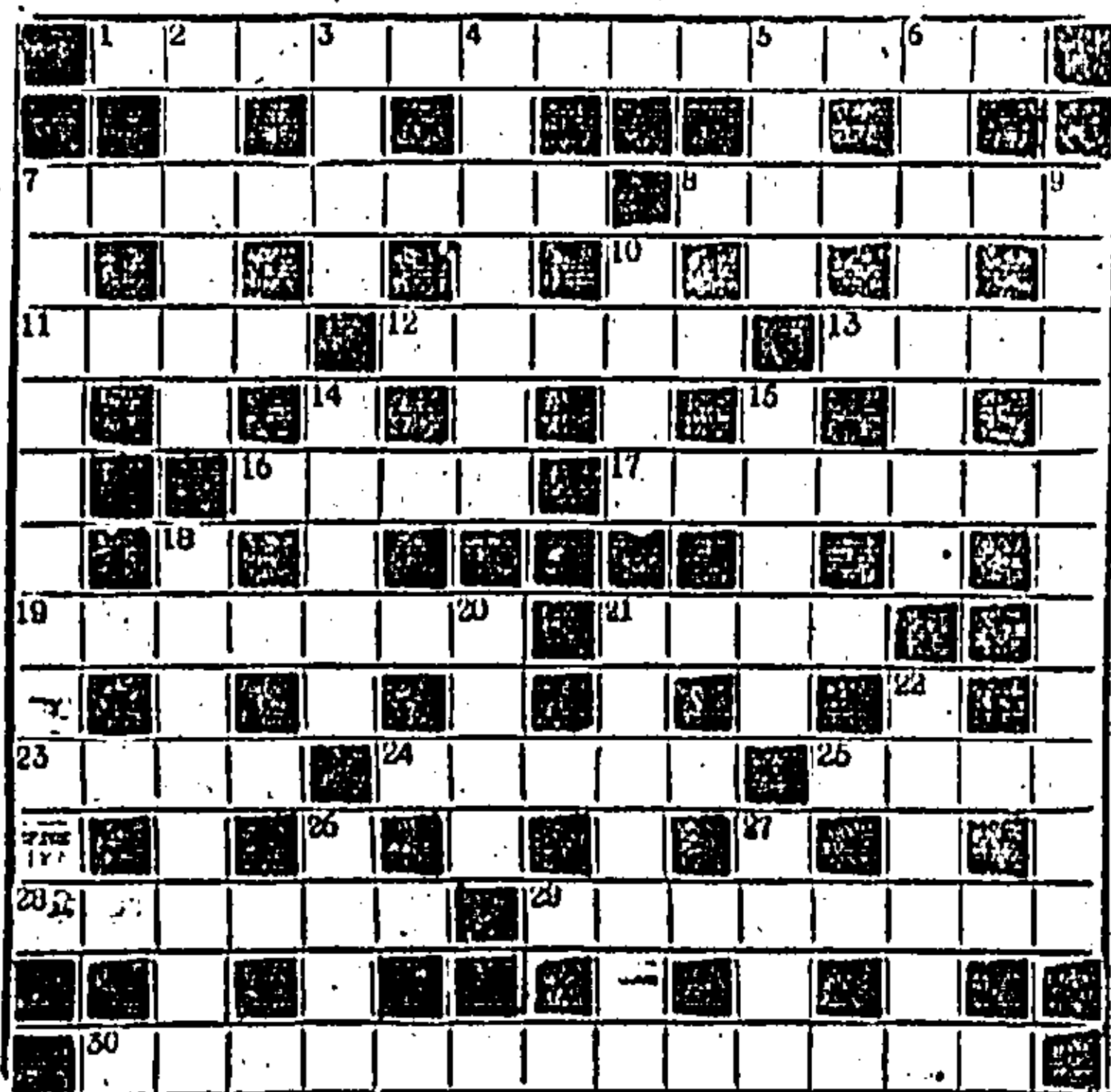
## Permissible

What they did not know was that the barracks had not been occupied since the beginning of the war and that the military authorities had not deemed it necessary to take defensive precautions beyond a twelve-strong guard to fortify the Castle, since Scarborough had never really seriously been considered a mark for the enemy on account of its essentially residential character.

If the Germans had thought, as they evidently had, that the Castle and the barracks were of military importance, their bombardment of these was a permissible war-time operation.

But the effect of the bombardment on recruiting figures throughout the country, and particularly in Yorkshire was a testimony to the strong feeling that the attack had raised in the hearts of the British nation.

## OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



## ACROSS

- 1 Characteristic of a nation of shopkeepers, to include an old English kingdom.
- 7 Describes that crossword fish.
- 8 That is to come.
- 11 Quite washed out.
- 12 Own up that it's let in.
- 13 This page will cause a strike, I can see.
- 16 Fish that helps in the choir.
- 17 He shows derision though tender to a degree.
- 19 What Mordecai was to Haman.
- 21 Drudge.
- 23 Cuts paw.
- 24 Bow.
- 25 She took the "repentant tear" to Heaven's gate.
- 26 An arrear of work in the Lewisham district.
- 28 Kitchen mental.
- 30 Although completely ambiguous it contains one quite definite term.

## DOWN

- 2 A bird that is full of oil and de.
- 3 Why sulk? Hundreds open shortly.
- 4 This is to be seen in medieval halls and churches with a red centrepiece.
- 5 Clerical praise of a high order.
- 6 Below.
- 7 Describes a novel journey.

## PROVISIONALLY

- 9 Piano or text (anag.).
- 10 They have their points, cut up.
- 14 Frilly bow or wooden shoe.
- 15 Let air (anag.).
- 18 Simply a poem in fruit. Some consider it makes music.
- 20 The lane that has a turning; very spirited, this.
- 21 The lion would not be satisfied with this share.
- 22 Refrain.
- 26 Not full-blooded, but one mustn't be without it.
- 27 As arranged, according to this.

Yesterday's Solution.

ACROSS: 1. CHARACTERISTIC OF A NATION OF SHOPKEEPERS, TO INCLUDE AN OLD ENGLISH KINGDOM.

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## A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a man in a naval officer's uniform and a woman in a dark, long coat and hat walking together. The man is on the left, wearing a peaked cap and a double-breasted uniform jacket. The woman is on the right, wearing a dark beret and a long, dark coat with a large brooch. They are walking on a light-colored surface, possibly a ship's deck.



**LAYING HIS WREATH:** One of the last public acts by Edward VIII as King is pictured on right, the Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph. On the left, Edward and Queen Mary are shown on their way to Whitehall.

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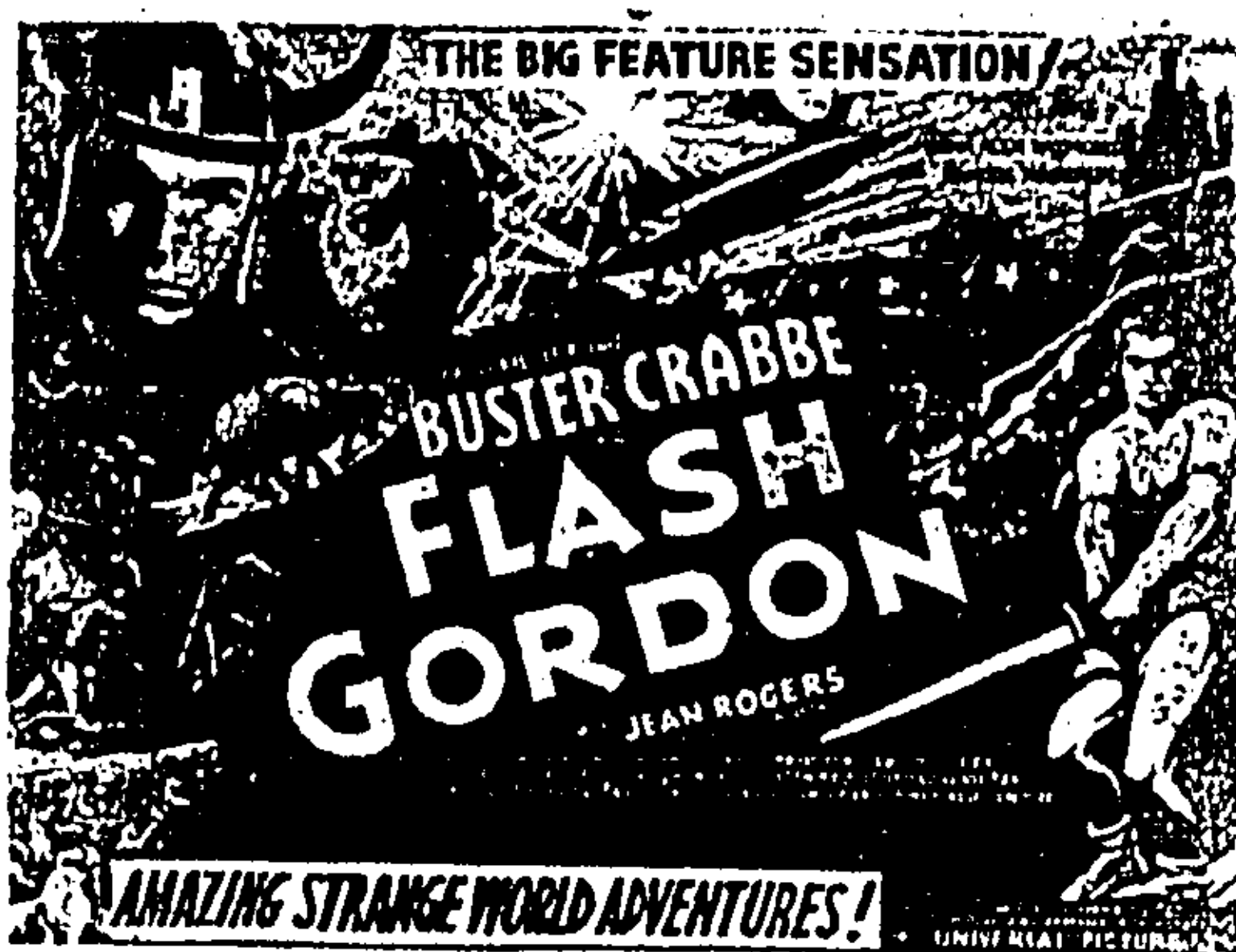
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## P.I. AFFAIRS DIVISION

BUREAU CREATED IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 15. Acting-Secretary of State Moore announced to-day the creation of a special division to handle Philippine affairs, headed by Mr. Joseph E. Jacobs, veteran foreign service official with long experience in the Far East, particularly China.

Co-operating with the Division for Far Eastern Affairs, the new division will bring under one head all ques-

## PREPARED TO GUARD STERLING

BANK OF ENGLAND'S TACTICAL MOVE CITY CIRCLES CONFOUNDED

London, Dec. 15. The City has been confounded by the Bank of England's large gold purchases, suddenly executed, amounting to £65,000,000, from the Equalisation Fund. And financial circles have been startled by the simultaneous reduction of the fiduciary note issue by £80,000,000.

From a host of diverse opinions emerges the majority view that the action indicates the British authorities' belief that such pressure on sterling as may be experienced by the withdrawal of French funds and the possible resumption of the outflow of capital to Wall Street could be counteracted by the Equalisation Fund's remaining vast gold holdings. It is pointed out that a time when the underlying trend of sterling is firm is the most opportune for re-establishing the Fund's freedom of action, as after disposing of some of its gold holdings the Fund is better equipped to arrest the undesirable appreciation of sterling.

Questioned in this connection in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, simply stated it had been decided to increase temporarily the gold held in the issue department of the Bank of England by £65,000,000. Such a step, by itself, would mean a very sharp expansion of the credit basis which was at present unjustified, he said. Therefore, the fiduciary issue had been reduced by £80,000,000.—Reuter.

### BRITISH LOAN POLICY

London, Dec. 15. His Majesty's Government has constantly in mind the desirability of securing removal of restrictions on foreign trade and of restrictions upon the movements of capital which interfere with foreign trade, declared the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons to-day. He added figures of the United Kingdom imports showed there were fewer restrictions on trade with this country than elsewhere.

Answering a supplementary question suggesting that terms of reference of foreign transactions of the Advisory Committee recently set up to give guidance on foreign lending should be made flexible, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought the terms were very flexible. The embargo on lending to foreign countries did not apply where loans had a direct influence on increasing British Export Trade, he said.—British Wireless.

## AMERICAN PEACE PARLEY

DRAFT CONVENTION SIGNED EIGHT POINTS ANNOUNCED

Buenos Aires, Dec. 15. Delegates to the American republics to-day signed the final draft of their co-ordinated neutrality project, and prepared for its presentation to the plenary session of the Peace Conference, probably on Friday or Saturday.

Argentine signed with reservations, retaining the right to extend credit and feed belligerents' civilians. Colombia made a reservation regarding the definition of an aggressor. The articles as drafted are: 1. Reaffirmation of obligations under present American treaties; 2. Provision for consultation; 3. Provision, in the event of signatories being convinced of the threat of war, that Articles 1 and 2 shall apply; 4. Provision for disputants to seek settlement under treaties; 5. In war signatories shall be governed by treaties; 6. Reaffirmation of the policy of neutrality in the event of hostilities preventing the export of arms; 7. Provision that the convention should not affect the rights and duties of members of the League of Nations; 8. The convention to remain in force indefinitely, renunciation becoming effective a year after denunciation.—United Press.

## Gangster and "Moll" Fight Police Army

New York, Dec. 15. Thirty "G-men" and 150 police engaged in a gun battle with a gangster and his "moll" on the famous, and exclusive, Riverside Drive to-day. Over 100 shots were fired and eventually the gangster and his woman companion were wounded and finally arrested.—Reuter Special.

## RUBBER OUTPUT TO RISE

RESTRICTIONS ARE MUCH REDUCED CONSUMPTION IS STRONG

London, Dec. 15. The International Rubber Restriction Committee's announcement of a 75 per cent quota for the first quarter of 1937 and an 80 per cent quota for the following three months, has been accorded about the quietest reception ever experienced in the London rubber market, where prices subsequently eased slightly and then steadied up.

It is generally considered that what strength the market gained on the 75 per cent. January-March roundabout, it about lost on the 80 per cent. April-June swings. Consequently it is difficult to take up any particular view on the future course of the market, which is expected to remain steady for some little time. Though the decision of the control committee releases about 39,000 tons in the first quarter and 55,000 in the second quarter more than at present, it is generally held that consumption is running so well, especially in the United States, that it is unlikely to be overtaken by production. Nevertheless, the decision probably means the appearance of complications while spot commodity is so tightly held.—Reuter.

## QUEEN IMPROVING IN HEALTH

London, Dec. 15. It is officially stated that the influenza from which the Queen is suffering is taking its usual course. Her Majesty is making good progress towards recovery.

According to present arrangements the King and Queen and the young Princesses will go next week to Sandringham, where Queen Mary, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and other members of the Royal Family will join them for Christmas. It is understood to be His Majesty's intention that, if possible, Balmoral and Sandringham shall be kept up in the same way as during his father's reign.

The King will maintain the royal racing establishment and breeding stud of his father's time.—British Wireless.

## CONSIDER PORT FOR TELAVIV

London, Dec. 15. Asked whether the Government proposed to take steps to provide a harbour for Telaviv, in Palestine, the Colonial Secretary, Mr. William Ormsby-Gore, told the House of Commons to-day that the question was being considered by the Government in consultation with the High Commissioner of Palestine. At present, he said, he was unable to make a statement.—Reuter.

H.M.S. Bruce left this morning on her way Home for re-fit and re-commission.

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## PREDICTS BETTER BUSINESS

NOTED ECONOMIST STATES VIEWS BUT SAVANTS DON'T AGREE

Cleveland, Dec. 15. Mr. Leonard Porter Ayres, political economist, predicts better business in 1937. He states that, despite world unrest and the threat of labour difficulties, "we are at present well along in the process of recovery, and the rest of the world is still further along."

Mr. Ayres predicts that the automotive industries will hold the leadership in 1937, and that there would be slight increases in wholesale and retail commodity prices, as well as in the cost of living. "It is unlikely that inflation will develop in this country in 1937," he added. "Inflation does not develop in depression, and, despite all the recovery we have made, there is still a depression."—United Press.

### CONTROLLED INFLATION

Professor Irving Fisher, political economist of Yale University, interviewed by United Press, stated: "The stage is now set for a boom and inflation" in the United States. He urged that the Federal Reserve Board be granted greater powers to control the situation, saying the law creating the Board should be altered to permit of the raising of reserve requirements to an unlimited extent.

Mr. Fisher said inflation is possible in the United States, but added that "the stage is set for the control of such tendencies." He said the Board could control a boom or inflation, firstly, by selling bonds or other assets, and by withdrawing money or credit from circulation; secondly, by raising the re-discount rate; thirdly, by raising the reserve requirements from member banks.—United Press.

## GERMANS SUPPORT MOORS

IN FIERCE FIGHT IN SPAIN BUT LOYALIST LINES HOLD

London, Dec. 15. A fierce battle, which lasted over five hours, is reported to-day from the Boadilla del Monte sector, south-west of Madrid.

As a result, over 200 dead, besides many wounded, were left in the Government lines.

The attack was one of three launched by the insurgents in the Boadilla sector.

Moroccan troops, with German contingents which recently arrived, carried out the attacks, supported by aircraft and a number of tanks. It is claimed that the loyalists repulsed the attacks in every instance, inflicting heavy losses.—Reuter.

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